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Albany schools assess repair needs

Sides trade charges in council race

■ Challenger says extraordinary fund-raising is necessary to get across his message

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — City Council candidate Brian Parker has raised \$10,341 for his campaign, shooting above the city's \$6,000 voluntary spending limit and raising the ire of residents who claim he and ally Robert Lieber are running campaigns based on scare tactics and misinformation.

In addition, out of 38 itemized contributions to Parker's campaign, 26 of them came from outside the city, including Humboldt County, Phoenix and Chicago.

Parker said he's raised money from friends and family members who live elsewhere to stand up against Magna Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields, and the city's political establishment.

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ELECTION 2004

Measure K campaign accumulates \$30,000

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The committee in favor of Measure K, which would continue the city's utility users tax, reported it received nearly \$15,000 in its latest finance filing, bringing its total contributions to more than \$30,000 through Oct. 16.

Bill Garlock, a San Mateo County developer working with the city to build a controversial BART parking garage and condominium complex at El Cerrito Plaza, donated \$2,500 to Save El

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JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

ALBANY VOTERS approve a \$13 million measure school bond this election work would include renovation of Cougar Field and the facilities there, including a new turf field.

Fixing roof is first, principal says

A recent tour of Ocean View Elementary and other sites was intended to show where funding from Measure A would go

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Ocean View Elementary School Principal Madeline Hennings said the roofs at her school have required in broken computer equipment and water damage to the library and cafeteria walls, which she wants to repaint but can't.

"We can't really paint nor do any beautification efforts unless the roof is fixed," said Hennings, who has been principal at the school, located at 1000 Jackson St., for eight years.

Residents, school administrators and school board members met for themselves the problems at two elementary schools and dilapidated conditions at Cougar



JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

WORK ON Cougar Field facilities would include the dilapidated field house.

Field, during an Oct. 20 tour of the facilities.

Residents were invited to the 90-minute afternoon tour, which drew less than a dozen people. It was intended to show what repairs are needed and what Measure A, the \$13 million bond measure on the Nov. 2 ballot, would pay for, if approved by 55 percent of Albany voters.

Measure A would complete the job begun with the 1993 passage of a \$31.6 million bond measure used to modernize Cornell Elementary School and rebuild Albany High and Middle schools.

"It's a small thing that finishes the job," said Albany School Board vice president Miriam Walden. "And we'll move on for another 30 years and won't have to repair things at quite this level."

Marin Elementary School Principal Marian Rothschild said the 29-year-old building at 1001 Santa Fe Ave. simply needs basic renovations and referred to school district Superintendent Willie Wong's August state of the schools report for details.

The report says that both Marin and Ocean View elementary schools would undergo a range of improvements, including new fire sprinkler and alarm systems; expanded handicapped

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ELECTION 2004

Comments to start on garage proposal

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Starting Monday, Nov. 1, residents will have 45 days to comment on the supplemental environmental report for a 400-space parking garage and adjacent 99-unit condominium complex at the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza.

The comments will be taken into account by the planning commission, which could allow the controversial project to move forward after approving the document following the review period, said associate planner Lee Huo.

Originally due out in mid-August, the SEIR was delayed while details of the project were reviewed.

"We're pretty certain, pretty confident it will come out on Nov. 1, barring any complications at this point which we don't think are going to happen," Huo said.

The city has a memorandum of understanding with San Mateo County developer Forest Plaza Partners LLC and BART that the developer will build the garage with the spaces reserved for BART patrons between 5 and 10 a.m. weekdays.

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

EL CERRITO High School seniors Kyla Lew, left, and Anna Schumacher are among the students upset with West Contra Costa School District plans to tear down the school's gym in May, before the planned Grad Night festivities can be held there.

El Cerrito High gym to close in mid-May

■ Students are furious that district's decision to jump-start construction leaves seniors no venue for graduation celebration

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

West Contra Costa school district administrators plan to shut down the El Cerrito High School gym in mid-May to jump-start a \$96 million campus reconstruction.

The decision announced Oct. 20 stunned and angered many El Cerrito parents and students who

were told the facility would remain open for a graduation party in June.

"It's really upsetting for a lot of us," said senior Anna Schumacher, 17, who in an e-mail called for El Cerrito students to petition against the decision. "We feel like the district doesn't care about us, or about grad nite."

Bill Savidge, district engineer, said he advanced the construction date to ensure the temporary \$6 million El Cerrito campus would be ready in time for next school year.

Otherwise, Savidge said, students may have to endure heavy demolition by wrecking ball and

jackhammer during school in fall. The new timeline will make construction less disruptive — and less hazardous, Savidge said.

"It's about trying to create the safest possible condition for students when they return."

Last school year, administrators told concerned parents that construction would begin June 15, a few days after the annual Grad Nite party.

However, Savidge said, after looking at recently approved plans for the temporary campus, he found the gym was the closest building to the temporary campus and must be demolished before other construction can be

gin. Workers must first clear the two-story concrete gym of furnishings, which will likely take two weeks, Savidge said.

Removing hazardous materials will take 30 days, leaving July and a week of August for demolition, before teachers or students come back to school.

"Will it run over some? Maybe. But we could get the bulk of really heavy demolition done prior to start."

Parents on the Grad Nite committee say that no other local venues can host the event.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Three-story project goes back to planners

The planning and zoning commission is scheduled to reconsider a three-story, 22-condominium development at the site of the former Ellis Olson Mortuary on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on Nov. 23. The commission postponed a decision at its Tuesday, Oct. 26 meeting, to give time to developer Aaron Vitale to work with two Kains Avenue neighbors concerned about the development's effect on sunlight, privacy and the views of Albany Hill, said Albany planning manager Dave Dowsell.

Vitale also needs to fine-tune the design of the project, which includes 2,865 square feet of retail and restaurant space and 2,778 square feet of retail space, Dowsell said.

Chamber holds dance, costume party

A Chamber of Horrors Dance and Costume Party will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Royal Cafe, 811 San Pablo Ave. There will be 1980s and 1990s gothic and industrial music, a costume contest, alcoholic beverages and food. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door and proceeds benefit the Albany Chamber of Commerce. For details, call 510-525-1771.

Noche Tropical party will benefit schools

Tickets are on sale for Noche Tropical, a party and silent auction to benefit the restoration of programs at Albany schools through SchoolCARE, to be held at the Albany Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 7-10 p.m. Highlights are food from Downtown, Cesar's, and other local restaurants, wine, live music and silent auction items including vacation cabins, restaurant meals, theater and sports tickets, jewelry, clothing, toys and more.

Tickets are \$35 in advance (by Nov. 3 at 510-527-7320 or at any school office) and \$40 at the door. Adults only, please.

CPR training has some spaces open

CPR/First Aid training is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 6, 8:30-12:30, at Albany Pool. The training is primarily offered for Albany High School coaches who need certification, but five more spaces are available for the public. Cost is \$50. For details call 510-558-2500 or e-mail debwanlin@aol.com.

El Cerrito

You can take the kid out of the band ...

Former members of the El Cerrito High School Marching Band are invited to join the current band next Friday, Nov. 5, for a band concert before the Gauchos' homecoming game against Alameda High. "If you don't have an instrument or are feeling rusty, you're welcome to borrow an instrument, bring a kazoo, or just march," says Gregg Mayer, a drum major in 1976 and parent of two current marching band members.

The band concert will be preceded by a late afternoon barbecue at the high school for alumni, their families, and current band members. Band alumni can register by contacting Mayer at 510-23-5736 or Donna Houser at 510-234-2252. Registration fee: \$20, which includes a hat, barbecue, and admission to the game. The proceeds will help purchase new uniforms for the current band, which is wearing uniforms from the 1970s.

Celebrate Halloween with the neighbors

Halloween activities for children and adults will be held in El Cerrito and Albany. On Oct. 31, in El Cerrito, there will be a non-scarey haunted house for young children at the community center, 7007 Moers Lane, from 4 to 6 p.m. The scary version for older children will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$1 and \$3, respectively.

There will also be "tailgate" trick-or-treating in the Community Center parking lot. Residents are invited to bring their car to the community center to decorate it and distribute candy. From 6 to 8 p.m., children are invited to go trick or treating to all the cars; the most innovative car will win a prize. Details: 510-559-7000.

Lernberg wins award for public service

Rose Lernberg won the 2004 Nancy Gans Award for Outstanding Political Action at the El Cerrito Democratic Club's annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 23. Lernberg is a former club president and serves as vice president of membership, according to the club Web site, and has made extensive contributions to coordinating the group's voter outreach.

The Nancy Gans Award was created in 1998 to honor the memory of Gans and recognizes individuals for exemplary public service, political organization and promotion of the public interest.

More information about the El Cerrito Democratic Club as well as its endorsements for this year's election can be found on-line at www.ecdclub.org.

Kensington

Town Hall meeting will be held Saturday

The annual town hall meeting, sponsored by the Kensington Improvement Club, will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon at the community center, 59 Arlington Ave. The event will include speakers from local civic groups as well as state Senator Tom Torlakson and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia. There will be refreshments and time for questions. For more information, call Linda Lipscomb at 510-527-3062.

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, Oct. 19

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a red 1999 Subaru parked on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black 1994 Volkswagen Jetta parked on the 900 block of Ramona Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a red Accura parked on the 900 block of Ordway Street.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black 1987 Chevrolet parked on the 900 block of Pierce Street. They cracked the steering column in an attempt to steal the vehicle. There were no witnesses.

■ **STOLEN LICENSE PLATES** — At about 11 p.m. officers contacted the driver of a white Toyota Camry on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue because a check of the license plates came back as stolen out of Berkeley. They arrested the 31-year-old Oakland man for possession of stolen property. He was cited and released.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a gold 1989 Honda Accord parked in the 800 block of Buchanan Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **NISSAN RECOVERED** — Richmond police located a red 1989 Nissan Pulsar that had been reported as stolen out of Albany. The vehicle was

not damaged and they did not have anyone in custody. The vehicle was towed and the owner notified.

■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** — At about 9:30 p.m. an Albany woman came into the police station with her 2-year-old son to report being abused by her husband. Officers arrested the 37-year-old Albany man for domestic violence and transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **TIPS STOLEN** — An employee at a business on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that a subject had just stolen the contents of the tips jar and a co-worker was chasing the thief. They were last seen running east on Solano Avenue. The subject was not apprehended.

Thursday, Oct. 21

■ **TRESPASSER ARRESTED** — At about 12:30 p.m. officers responded to the 1400 block of Solano Avenue on reports that a trespasser was locked in the restroom. Officers arrested a 50-year-old Oakland man for an outstanding \$5,000 Oakland warrant for trespassing. He was cited and released.

Friday, Oct. 22

■ **BURGLARY** — Officers responded to a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway on reports from an employer who was charging an employee for theft. An Oakland woman was arrested for burglary, conspiracy and possession of stolen

property, cited and released.

■ **ASSAULT** — A resident reported her 16-year-old daughter was followed and grabbed by a male adult while she was walking home from school. Officers are investigating.

■ **PURSE STOLEN** — At about 5:30 p.m. a woman reported that while at Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard three boys stole a purse and ran west bound on Portland Avenue.

Saturday, Oct. 23

■ **TOYOTA LOCATED** — Richmond police reported locating a white 1990 Toyota Camry that had been reported as stolen out of Albany. The vehicle was not damaged but both license plates were missing. They did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified and picked up the vehicle.

■ **LICENSE PLATES STOLEN** — A Richmond resident reported that thieves stole the license plate off a dark blue 1994 Honda Accord while it was parked at 555 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

■ **LOUD PARTY** — During the late evening hours officers responded to several reports of a loud party on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue and cars blocking driveways.

Sunday, Oct. 24

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a gold 1994

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Thursday, Oct. 14

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A car stereo was taken from a vehicle at El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 1:30 and 3 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A blue four-door 1988 Toyota Camry was taken from the 1700 block of Manor Circle sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A 2003 Volvo S-40, reported stolen to Richmond police earlier in the day, was recovered at 12:41 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — An orange and white 1997 Ford U-haul moving van was stolen from Kearney Street at

Wall Avenue sometime between 8 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 8:45 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A red two-door 1999 Honda Civic was taken from the 700 block of Norvell Street sometime between 11 a.m. on Oct. 16 and 2 p.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A white 1985 Toyota Camry was taken from the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 5:08 on Oct. 16 and 8 p.m. the next day.

Monday, Oct. 18

■ **ASSAULT** — A man employed at San Pablo Avenue adult bookstore was pepper-sprayed as he walked to a bank to make a deposit at 3:20 p.m. The victim walked into traffic and locked himself inside the business, while the suspects fled in a black car. There was no loss.

Identity theft workshop set

The El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee in cooperation with the City Council and the police department will present an identity-theft workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton St., El Cerrito.

In this seminar, ID theft specialist Jim Montgomery will present ways to avoid becoming a victim of this fast-growing crime.

For details call 510-215-4414 ext. 30 or e-mail: crimeprevention@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. Leave your name, telephone number and number of people in your party.

Students trick-or-treating for a good cause

The ghosts and goblins will be trick-or-treating again this Halloween, but they don't want candy. They'll be asking for money, which will be donated to UNICEF, the United Nations children's fund.

The trick-or-treaters are students at Kensington Hilltop School, which is temporarily located on the blacktop of Portola Junior High in El Cerrito while their own campus is being renovated. Last year, they raised over \$1,200 for UNICEF.

"Even a small donation can go a long way," says parent volunteer

Martha Olney. "Six cents can supply a packet of oral rehydration salts for one child to treat severe dehydration and diarrhea. And \$2.50 will provide a child with basic school supplies for a year."

The youngsters will be trick-or-treating in their own neighborhoods, so the campaign will fan out all over West Contra Costa County. About a third live in El Cerrito; the rest live in Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante and Pinole.

For details call 800-4UNICEF or log on to www.unicefusa.org.

CORRECTIONS

A story on Oct. 22 about a cell phone antenna proposal should have said that El Cerrito residents have hired a lawyer and are planning to appeal a decision in that city.

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An information box on Oct. 15 should have said that David

Glasser was a finance officer for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, not the director; and that he served as a reservist in the Marine Corps and Army National Guard for 21 years. He was not on full-time active duty, as was implied in the piece.

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Recycled newspaper

Election Day has lost its sense of community spirit

WHEN I WAS a little boy, my favorite day of the year wasn't Christmas or Thanksgiving or even my birthday. It was Election Day. And to me it was even more exciting, my dad was the polling place. There were more polling places in those days, almost one in every block. So some families, like mine, volunteered their living rooms or garages. It was a much more intimate experience back then. My mother and the other mothers in the block were the poll workers, and the voters were our neighbors, people we knew personally.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

member the national mood right after 9/11? That was only three years ago.

I'm sure each side will say it's the other's fault, which only proves my point. But there's no denying we have lost something precious.

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Another thing that's gone is the intimate voting experience of my youth. In the 1970s, paper ballots gave way to computer punch cards, which couldn't be counted by hand. So they were taken to a central office to be counted. Which meant they didn't need all those decentralized polling places, like my house, any more. To save money, they consolidated several precincts and conducted the balloting at public places, like schools.

A few elections ago, as I was casting my ballot I realized I didn't know any of the poll workers any more. They weren't my neighbors; they were people who were hired for the day.

And now I'm not even going to experience that. This election, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters is eliminating the polling places for three precincts in Berkeley and another 22 in Oakland.

And I live in one of those precincts. From now on, if I want to vote, I'll have to do it by mail. And it's not hard to see where this trend is going. It won't be long before we're voting on the Internet.

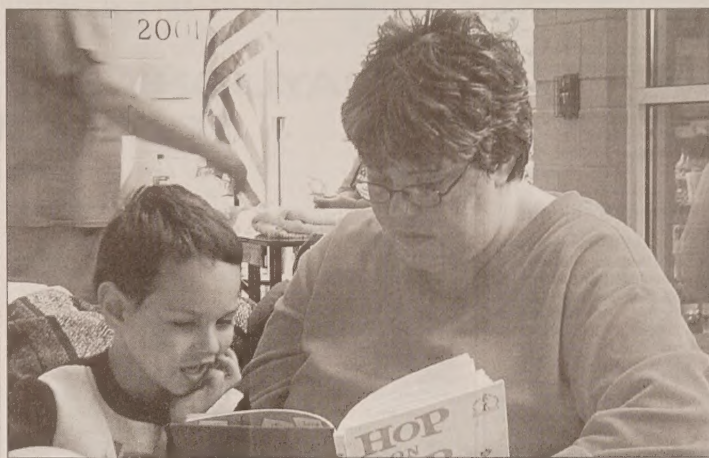
I won't pretend I'm going to miss standing in line. Or juggling my schedule to find time to vote.

But I will miss the communal experience. Voting is not just making choices; it's also a powerful ritual by which we affirm our commitment to our democratic process — and each other. Every time we cast a ballot, we proclaim, "Here the people rule."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

Neighbors

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BOOKS PROVIDE a welcome respite from waiting at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic in Grundy, Va. over the Oct. 16-17 weekend. Donations from the Albany Library community helped purchase more than 200 new books for toddler-through-teen readers. The books were delivered in person by Albany librarian Julie Winkelstein, who snapped this photo of a mom and child sharing one of the offerings. Read more about the books and clinic in her column on page A5.

CONTRIBUTED

"THERE IS SUCH a thing as a free lunch," James Carter, executive director of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, writes us in an e-mail.

That is, he goes on to qualify, a lunch "free" from worry ... about getting a parking ticket if you linger for more than an hour at one of the city's restaurants.

Beginning Nov. 4, free park-

ing on Solano and San Pablo Avenues will increase from 60 to 90 minutes — something the Chamber lobbied for strongly.

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A handmade quilt by prize-winning quilter Joan Sextro is one of the latest enticements to donate money to the Albany High School Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale's scholarship program.

Chances to win the quilt will be sold at \$2 each throughout the school year with the winner chosen at the May Choir concert.

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A reception will be held at the Gathering Tribes Gallery in Berkeley for NaNa Ping, award-winning Yaqui jeweler, whose bracelets, belts, necklaces and other jewelry in sil-

SOME OF THE pieces of jewelry in silver and semiprecious stones by award-winning Yaqui jeweler NaNa Ping. Works will be on display at Gathering Tribes Gallery November 12-14, and a reception for the artist will be held Nov. 12.

ver with precious and semiprecious stones will be shown at the gallery Nov. 12-14.

The reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The gallery is located at 1573 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

For more information call 510-528-9038.

— Compiled by Deborah Byrd

Avenue realty firm holding anniversary open house

JEANS REALTY is celebrating its 43rd year in business on Nov. 6, when it will hold an open house for clients, neighbors and friends. Forty-three years and three generations of Realtors make for quite a history. And most of those years the office has been that familiar rounded-front building at 1484 Solano Ave., on the corner of Santa Fe.

I spoke with the entire staff in the attractive anteroom of their newly remodeled office. The staff is comprised of Diane Sindel-Deutsche, a third-generation real estate broker who now runs Jeans Realty, together with broker associate Bill Shaw and office manager Deborah M. Everett.

All are longtime Albany residents. In fact, both Diane Sindel-Deutsche and Bill Shaw were born in Albany. They spent much of the time extolling the joys of our little jewel of a city.

Jeans Realty was started by Martha and Joe Jeans. Actually, he started with an insurance office, but then Martha took over and turned it into a real estate concern. Martha and Joe were killed in an airplane crash in the Canary Islands in 1977. Their daughter, Jean Sindel, took over then and ran the business until her daughter, Diane, decided to come back to Albany and join her in 1990, taking over the management in 1995.

When Diane graduated from UCLA she went into the entertainment field, working with MGM in their home video department, then for Tri Star Features in feature films. When



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

film crews would go on location, it was she who made sure they had everything they needed to keep them going, from small items to bank accounts.

"It was really a lot of fun," she says. Then Sony Pictures bought out Tri Star, and merged with Columbia. "The job they offered me was not what I wanted."

So she decided to study real estate. It was at this time that she met and married Steve, a police officer who now works in Alameda. Like her, he didn't want to move to Los Angeles, so they came back here. Now they have two children, daughter Megan, 6½, and son Kyle, almost 5, and are settled Albany citizens.

"The office was pretty dowdy when I took over," Sindel-Deutsche says, "So we remodeled, adding hardwood floors, painting, and some new furniture. It is so much nicer now." And Everett and Shaw agreed, happily. It is, indeed, a pleasant place to visit, with its sunny attractive entrance and anteroom.

They reminisced, speaking of the company's first sale, in 1962. It was a house on Cornell and it sold for \$15,000. Their most recent sale, a house on

Marin, sold for \$795,000. The prices of homes have gone up 15 percent in the past year alone, they told me. They remembered selling some houses more than once during the years.

Husband Steve Deutsche has a real estate license, but does not have time to use it. When not busy policing, he helps in the office "as our technology guy." While I was there he came in to finish a repair he had started earlier.

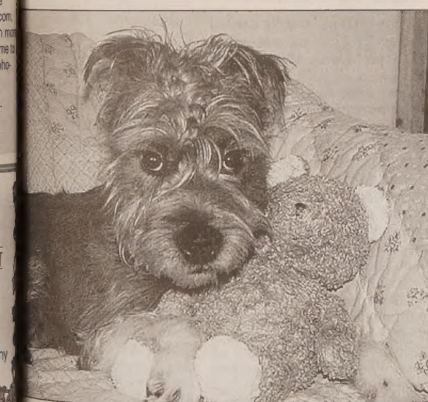
Bill Shaw received his master's degree at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, in hotel and restaurant management. But "I always enjoyed develop-

ment and property," so he came to Jeans, talked, became friends, and has worked with them ever since.

On the birthday celebration on Nov. 6, they plan to have an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. in their office. They will have a birthday cake, but plan to keep the celebration very informal, hoping that members of the community will stop in and visit.

Tips on people who are doing interesting things in Albany, El Cerrito or Kensington? Let Clara-Rae Genser know at 510-525-4585 or crgenser@aol.com.

OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

TORIE is a terrier mix; 1 year old. He's "a typical terrier" and a great cuddler," say workers at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society, where he may be available for adoption.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: Male terrier mix, 1 year; female hound mix, 6 months (two dogs); female terrier mix, 12 weeks (two dogs); male terrier mix, 2 years; female Labrador retriever mix, 3 years; male cockapoo mix, 6 years; male German shepherd mix, 6 months; male Chihuahua mix, 1 year; female German shepherd mix, 4 months; female Australian shepherd mix, 1 year; male long-haired Chihuahua mix, 2 years; female border collie mix, 1 year.

Cats: Several female dilute tortoiseshells, 7 years, 5 years, 4 years; several female tortoiseshells, 2 years, 6 months (two cats); female torbie (tortoiseshell-tabby mix), 6 years; female black, 2 years; several male

blacks, 8 years, 7 months (three cats); two female black and whites; 7 years, and 11 months; several male black and whites, 5 years; 1-2 years; female calico, 3 years; two female calicos; 3 years, and 9 months; male gray tabby, 3 years; female brown tabby, 14 years; male black tabby, 1 year; male gray, 5 years; and many kittens.

Rabbits: Five mixed-breed rabbits of various ages and sexes, all white shorthairs.

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

Setting record straight

I write to object to the description of my campaign, as well as to provide corrections to the article on the Albany School District board of education candidates.

I advocate greater openness and more community inclusion in district decision-making. I want to ensure the Albany school board hears and considers all stakeholder voices before decisions are made.

I spoke at one board meeting, stating that deciding a major school district staff reorganization in closed session violated the Brown Act. At least one board member agreed; the remainder of the discussion about the reorganization was in public session.

I worked to ensure the community was able to consider and comment on vital issues before the school board made a major decision. This was the event so negatively portrayed as "accusing the board of illegal meetings" in the Oct. 15 article.

I also write to correct inaccuracies in the profile The Journal published.

I proudly served in the Marine Corps reserve and the Army National Guard. However, the only time I was on active duty was during earthquakes, floods and riots. Rather, I have held full-time jobs in public finance since 1983, after receiving a master's degree in Public Administration.

I have worked for the San Francisco airport, the San Jose Redevelopment Agency and Alameda County. At the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, I was a finance officer rather than the finance director, as reported.

Finally, with regard to the cell tower at Albany High School, I have frequently argued that this is a city zoning issue and that it is premature for the school board to address the issue right now: I would vote "no" if I were currently on the board.

I hope voters will consider my (now corrected) record and decide to elect me to the Albany school board.

David Glasser
Albany

Illegal tax?

The El Cerrito city attorney's impartial analysis of utility users tax, Measure K, states: "The ballot measure is proposed in response to a California Supreme Court decision that subjects the utility users tax to a risk of legal challenges for as long as the tax is collected without voter approval."

That decision was in June 2001. Why hasn't El Cerrito given its citizens a chance to ratify the utility users tax before now? What are they afraid of?

The voters of this city want a fair, honest City Council and administration.

Oh yes, there was another court decision in 1995 that also raised doubts about the legality of the tax. Why didn't the city allow the citizens to vote then?

El Cerrito has been collecting this illegal/questionable tax for nine years. That's about \$3,000 per citizen!

Ken Berndt
El Cerrito

Berndt is the co-chairman of El Cerritos for Tax Justice.

Is 'gay' a slur?

It's ludicrous that the Republicans are so outraged regarding Kerry's mention of Mary Cheney's lesbianism.

Is it a slur to say someone is gay? Is it a terrible, shameful thing? Is it something that shouldn't be mentioned?

Well, I guess if you are a Republican it is. Cheney and his ilk have long pummeled gays and lesbians as being the source of much evil in the world.

Republicans believe in denying gays and lesbians the right to serve in the military, create legal partnerships, raise children — it goes on and on.

Mary Cheney, who has a life partner, worked openly as the liaison to the gay/lesbian community for Coors Brewing Co. and works on her father's campaign, for God's sake!

By the way, I think I've been gay from day one. I'm 47 now.

Ellen Seidler
El Cerrito

Resolving hostilities

Americans have been waiting to hear from the presidential candidates what their plans are to resolve the hostilities in Iraq.

The plans may not be so different between John Kerry and George Bush, but we need to de-

cide which leader will have the support team to carry out their objectives.

Can we really count on the behind-the-scenes people who gave incorrect advice to President Bush? Why didn't they know about the inaccuracies of the intelligence reports?

Mary E. Chafe-Powles
Kensington

Measure K dilemma

I've been asked to endorse El Cerrito's Measure K. I can't. Doing so would lend my name to an overreaching and deeply flawed document, as well as its accompanying ineptitudes and questionable ethics.

However, I have also been asked to oppose Measure K. Can't do that either. The long-term consequences and draconian cutbacks are simply unacceptable. It's taken a long time to build the city services we enjoy today.

If Measure K fails, as it might, due to council bungling, any restoration would cost substantially more and take years, if it ever happened.

By continuing to collect an improperly implemented (but, not illegal) tax until ratification was possible, the council demonstrated bad faith and poor judgment. Increasing the city manager's salary 20 percent, irrespective of the merits, just before the election gave Measure K's opposition substantial advantage.

And though the silly Cerrito Theater is unrelated to Measure K, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, the same officials destroyed voter confidence by blowing millions on a decrepit Quonset hut with ugly wallpaper.

Defeating Measure K, however, is not the solution. The solution is electing a City Council that can at least count to 10 without looking at their fingers. Gina Brusatori excepted.

Larry Damon
El Cerrito

Measure A important

Measure A is our opportunity to finish modernizing Marin and Ocean View elementary schools and the indispensable Cougar Field. Since I was one of a small group of residents who urged the Albany school board to renew the track and field program at Albany High, the condition of Cougar Field has always been a concern.

Roger Carlsen (a member of the Athletic Boosters) describes the field accurately: "Cougar Field is over 50 years old; the track is rutted and uneven, the bleachers worn to the point of collapse, and the changing rooms almost unusable."

The track is used as a fitness facility for all the sports at Albany Middle and Albany High schools, and Cougar Field is used as a venue for baseball, football, track and soccer. In addition, the community of joggers and walkers are there every day, along with community-based athletic teams.

Vote yes on Measure A.

Andy Heffernon
Albany

Great health risk

In August, Chiron warned the United States of a contamination in its flu vaccine, cutting the vaccine supply in half. This is a great health risk for our entire country, especially the very young and the elderly.

In California alone, Chiron was to supply more than 570,000 doses of the vaccine. This number now represents the number of people who are at risk of being infected with the flu, since they cannot be protected by the vaccine.

To stop the next vaccine shortage, the FDA should locate other companies capable of producing the vaccine and help fund drug companies to find a way to shorten the vaccine's production time. Drug companies should have a back-up plan in case their first batch becomes contaminated.

I think we must find a way to finance vaccine production to avoid another health crisis. It would be well worth the effort and money spent.

We must do all we can to prevent this from occurring in the future.

Sheffield Alan Ashton
El Cerrito

Worthy of focus

Because of the Iraq war, terrorism is on the rise. A State Department report on international

terrorism notes that terror-related incidents are at an all-time high.

According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the war in Iraq accelerated recruitment for al-Qaida, which now has an estimated membership of 18,000.

The war in Iraq has absorbed precious U.S. resources. Congress has already approved of \$126.1 billion for Iraq and an additional \$25 billion is heading toward congressional approval, for a total of \$151.1 billion through this year. The bill will add up to an average cost of at least \$3,415 for every U.S. household.

Barbara Speed
El Cerrito

Albany campaign funding

A recent Journal article quoted City Council candidate Brian Parker, when asked why he did not agree to the limitation on campaign funding, as saying that, "The only reason for (Albany's) campaign finance rules is to restrict communications between candidates and voters so insiders can continue to be in charge."

If Parker had read the ordinance on campaign finance reform, and if he were candid, he would have observed that the voluntary campaign expenditure limit is based on several findings of fact and statements of intent that refute his charges — unless he is contending that the members of the council that adopted the ordinance in 1996 and those who strengthened it in 2004 were being dishonest when they acted.

Parker has been quick to accuse local officials of "diverting" public funds and "breaching" the public trust. Is he now charging two separate councils with legislative dishonesty?

Thelma Rubin
Albany

Bush's fantasy world

For years, some of us have struggled to be heard when we describe Bush as completely out of touch with reality.

During the debates, viewers got to watch him in action, floundering as he was presented with the lucid, convincing picture of our domestic upheaval and plummeting position in the international community that candidate Kerry presented.

In Bush's fantasy world, things in Iraq are going fine. But Kerry reminds us that the casualties are climbing and the insurgency is growing. This is neither a popular nor a necessary war, and the costs have been, and will continue to be, astronomical.

Almost as disturbing as Bush's myopic world view is his dangerous fear of those who disagree with him.

"Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech," says the U.S. Constitution. Bush swore to defend and protect the Constitution when he became president, and now he is angry when Kerry presents a viewpoint not in accordance with his. There is something wrong with this picture.

Annie Stenzel
El Cerrito

Correct the mistake

The Iraq war is clearly a significant mistake the Bush administration made.

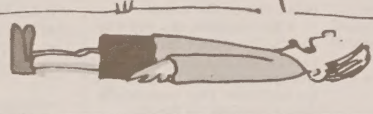
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Think about our losses: \$120 billion, some 1,060 killed, thousands of wounded, as well as the loss of respect for our country worldwide. Now we are faced with record-high oil prices, a disaster for our economy.

Correct the mistake, stop the war. Now is the time.

Karl Huang
Albany

Yes on Measure K

If El Cerrito's Measure K is not approved by voters on Nov. 2, it is estimated we may have to lay off nine of our 38 sworn police officers.

This would be a combination of patrol officers, traffic officers and detectives. I am seriously concerned about the impact these layoffs will have on our ability to protect the homes and homeowners of El Cerrito.

Don't let this happen — it's an issue of public safety. Vote yes on Measure K.

Shawn Maples
El Cerrito

Maples is the vice president of El Cerrito Police Employees Association.

Proven leadership

Albany voters will make a decision on Nov. 2 about who should serve on the City Council. The decision should be based on who will serve the city best.

Jewel Okawachi and Alan Riffer have served the community well. They have been dedicated to making the most of our limited resources and have managed our funds carefully. They have been responsible decision-makers.

Okawachi and Riffer have served in many volunteer and appointed positions before running for office. Their opponents should have served on at least one official city committee or commission before running for City Council this year. I urge citizens to vote for the proven leadership of Okawachi and Riffer.

Ruth Ganong
Albany

Endorsing Glasser

I am a good friend of Dave Glasser and a parent of a special needs child in the Albany Unified School District.

After reading the article on the three candidates for Albany Board of Education, I felt puzzled by the seemingly partial report targeting Dave Glasser. The article made it seem that Dave is only interested in special education issues.

Dave's interests are much broader than depicted in the article. I think all three candidates advocate the importance of more community inclusion in the school district decision-making, as the article stated. Dave especially has been interested in embracing the marginalized groups, such as non-English speaking community members.

He wants to open the door to greater participation by the different ethnic groups, as well as people affected by disability. I think this is a positive message about community involvement and the progressive approach to our diverse community.

With his long experience in public administration and financial management, I have no doubt that Dave Glasser is going to be a positive addition to the

Albany school board if he is elected.

Young Ha
Albany

Write in Perka

I will give you four good reasons I will not vote for Bill Jones or Jan Bridges: Letitia Moore, Sandi Potter, Janet Abelson and Mark Friedman. If these four endorse them, that's good enough for me not to vote for them.

This group is nothing but a clique. We need a diversified group of people.

My vote will be a write-in vote for Kathie Perka, the one who always thinks of the residents and the betterment of El Cerrito.

I urge all of you, who know of the good things Perka did while in office, to join me in writing in her name for a seat on the City Council. Gina Brusatori would also get my vote were it not for term limits.

Pat Massaro
El Cerrito

Vote for Blanchard

I have been a public school teacher for 17 years and a parent in the Albany school district for 12.

Over those years I have had the opportunity to participate with the school boards in Marin County, where I teach, and here, where I live.

After working with more than a score of different people, it has become apparent that one particular type of person shines through. Whether I agree with them always or in all things is not the issue.

I have come to value most a board member who has personal integrity and intelligence, who is able to view an issue from all sides, who integrates the opinions of teachers, parents and administrators, and who is able to consistently arrive at fair and appropriate decisions that best serve the needs of children.

I recognize one candidate for the Albany school board who fits that description — Charlie Blanchard.

Geoff Chin
Albany

No on Measure K

It is very disgusting to see the El Cerrito city government waste much of the taxpayers' money and then propose Measure K.

A "no" vote on Measure K is telling the city that we want honesty and clean government in City Hall.

John Hogan
El Cerrito

Bush is a simpleton

The two parties can debate the war, foreign and domestic policies, etc., all they want.

My concerns are these: George Bush is a simpleton. He is immoral. He does not understand his job. His life of privilege has not prepared him for anything more than a cushy retirement. He is not an intelligent man.

And some Americans want to be represented by this guy?

Jay Shuster
El Cerrito

Computer voting

In this year's state primary election, there were serious malfunctions with electronic voting

equipment throughout Georgia.

In addition, state and local officials discovered that they broke a state law by securing the software running touchscreen voting machines, then heard these machines be decertified.

Guess what? Computer machines will be used in the Area on Nov. 2.

After the demonstrated liability and susceptibility of the equipment, the criminal dishonesty of the manufacturer, how is it possible machines will be used in the coming election?

What is more important: democracy than the integrity of elections?

There is still barely time to an absentee ballot, but that's not address the central problem. Across the nation, the election function of elections — counting and counting of votes being taken away from officials operating with oversight, and turned over to three corporations who manufacture voting machines.

It is these companies who are aware that is counting out in an invisible, unreliable way with no accountability.

Kyle M.

What right?

The official voter information guide for the Nov. 2 election tains the Voter Bill of Rights 10 of which provides voters the right to report any alleged fraudulent activity to a local elections official or to the state's office.

My Oct. 1 and Oct. 4 letters did exactly that.

The Oct. 7 response of the mer acknowledged receipt of my letters and then stated: "demands can only be met if a case in the Sacramento court regarding your issue receive a favorable judgment from the court."

So what I was advised neither of those offices did to do anything about the fraudulent activity I reported to them; that the election be defrauded for all that the Voter Bill of Rights mere window dressing without substance; and that the course of the electorate is legal action on their own.

However, Right 10 is a violation of the election law. The secretary and elections official will take the necessary action with respect to information reported to them, that it's a stantive right which others has no meaning.

Raymond H. F.

Kensington

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ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

Albany High School

Nov. 28-29 and Nov. 5-7, Albany High School Theater Ensemble presents "The Sound of Music." Albany High Little Theater, 100 Key Route Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$5 students and seniors, \$10 adults. Information: 510-558-2500 ext. 1079.

The College and Career Counseling Library is ready to open, with updated college and career catalogs, brochures, and needs help from at least one parent volunteer during March. Prospective volunteers information: Theresa Rummel (parent, 510-558-2500), or rummel99@yahoo.com or Mary Lou Sumburg (AHS Career & College Counselor, 510-558-2500 or msumburg@albamid.org).

The Cougar newspaper's on-line counseling is available at www.cougaronline.net. The Web-based publication includes many articles not in the print edition, breaking news, a reader forum, and lots of photographs.

The String Orchestra and Symphonic Band need parent volunteers to coordinate driving and other travel details for student participation in CMEA festival around the Bay Area. Information: Mike McKay at 510-525-2147 or mcaymik@earthlink.net.

Albany High School PTA Newsletter needs writers. Send stories about Albany High, 200-400 words, by email to: Nancy Nelson at nancy@albamid.org.

PTA Sprints, contact Norm Ross-Stein at 510-558-0418, norm@norms.com.

Register for eScrip at <http://secure.escrip.com/ps/supervisor/registration/step1.htm>. Change schools for eScrip at www.escrip.com. Albany High registration number: 138925439.

Nov. 20: Swim Club car wash, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., tickets available from any Swim Club member.

Nov. 20: Career Day 2004. Receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by email, contact Linda Okamoto at loka@earthlink.net.

Albany Middle School

Nov. 1: Parent needed with planning the activities and handouts for AMS Backpack Awareness Day on Nov. 3. Information: Ruth Knoff at ruthknoff@yahoo.com.

Nov. 1: Parent needed for Beginning of Year, one day a week during second period (8:35-9:45 a.m.) on Wednesday (8:45-9:25 a.m.). Details: Audrey Cramer at 510-558-3600, ext. 5104.

AMS community is looking for 11 families to host 11 pairs of Japanese middle school students visiting from a school in Japan. Nov. 5 (Friday) November 10 to Nov. 8 (Monday) morning. Even pairs of boys and girls have matches with AMS families. Contact program coordinator: Mylo Magid at mylo@onebox.com or 510-558-4434.

Nov. 1: Parent Education presents "What Motivates Kids to Learn?" This community conversation with AMS parents, Brad Dolan, Ph.D., Stanford Education Program, Rikki Sudikoff, LCSW, Assistant Therapist, and Albany Middle School staff is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 7:15-9 p.m. at the Albany Middle School Library, 128 Brighton Ave. (next to Cougar Field).

Oct. 29: 8th Grade Halloween party; vision and hearing screening for all 8th-graders in the library during PE. Nov. 1: Principal's Coffee, 8 a.m., Room 112. Nov. 3: Backpack Awareness Day. Nov. 4: PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Library. Nov. 10: AMS Parent Education — "What Motivates Kids to Learn?"

Cornell Elementary School

To learn about the Cornell PTA steele, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cornellpta>. Contact: Greg Perez, gregyalma@aol.com. Fund-raising: Bring Bixtops for Education (from select cereal boxes) and empty inkjet cartridges to the office to generate rebate funds for Cornell.

Marin Elementary School

The Book Fair sold more than \$13,000 and met the Marin funding goal, generating more than \$3,000 for the school. The staff thanks families who donated books.

Fund-raising: Used cell phones donated to Marin School qualify for a tax deduction for the donor and generate \$100 for the school from EcoPhones. Information is available in the office.

Oct. 29: Halloween Parade, 12:50 p.m. Nov. 5: Kindergarten, second- and fifth-grade students will be screened for vision and hearing on Friday, Nov. 5 by qualified nurses, as mandated by the state education code. Information is available in the office.

Nov. 5: PTA International Potluck Dinner, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Ocean View Multipurpose Room.

To receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by email, contact Kym Sterner at kymsterner@earthlink.net.

Ocean View Elementary School

Paper scrip is available on order at the office or by calling or emailing Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476 and scrip — mom@hotmail.com.

AUSD Calendar

Nov. 4: Presentation by AUSD staff of information about the district's new standards-based report cards, 7 p.m. Cornell School Multi-purpose Room. Childcare is available at 510-559-6520.

Nov. 9: Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell School. Nov. 10: District Budget Advisory Committee meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ocean View Library.

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day, no school. Nov. 12: Staff Development Day, no school for students.

General Calendar:

Nov. 3: SchoolCARE Board meeting, 7 p.m. pm. Room 312, Albany High School. Nov. 6: "Noche Tropical," silent auction and party for SchoolCARE, 7-10 p.m. Tickets: \$35 (request must be received by Nov. 3 at 510-527-7320 or at any school office) and \$40 at the door. Adults only, please.

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EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

Harding Elementary

Nov. 10, 8:45-10:15 a.m., Harding Kindergarten Information, Harding Parent Clubhouse — Meet the principal, teachers, parents, and students of Harding elementary. Enjoy coffee and snacks donated by Starbucks and Starbucks. Tour the kindergarten classrooms. Learn about plans for moving into our new earthquake-safe school. Children welcome.

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Volunteer medical clinic an incredible experience

"Do you have Macbeth?" — Asked by a young man at the Remote Area Medical clinic, in Grundy, Va., Oct. 16, 2004



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I wrote a column about Remote Area Medical (RAM), a volunteer medical corps. Then, in July of this year, the Friends of the Albany Library hosted a chocolate chip cookie fund-raiser, so that new children's books could be purchased and distributed at one of RAM's all-day medical clinics.

With donations from friends, family and the community, we eventually ended up with about 225 new books, for toddlers through teens. And on Oct. 16 and 17, the books were given out to rural, low-income families in Grundy, Va.

It was a wonderful and moving experience to be part of RAM for a few days. This organization is dedicated to helping families get the medical, dental and optical care they need. They provide the equipment and the hosting county provides a local coordinator and medical personnel, as well as funds for housing and feeding

the volunteers.

The Grundy event was held at an elementary school. The cafeteria became a dental clinic, where dentists were lined up, side by side, working on patient after patient. Teeth were filled, pulled and cleaned and root canals were performed. A mobile eye clinic was stationed outside the school and long lines of people waited to get eye exams and glasses on the spot. Smaller rooms in the school were devoted to inoculations, check-ups, hearing tests and general medical concerns. Everywhere I looked there were families waiting patiently to be seen and they moved from clinic to clinic, depending on their needs.

The lines actually started Friday evening, when people began to wait for the next morning's registration, which

started at 7. I arrived Friday afternoon and was greeted warmly by the RAM and local coordinators. In fact, the local county coordinator insisted on paying for my motel room, since I was officially part of the RAM volunteer corps.

When I came back early the next morning, dentist drills were already being made, and everywhere there were people sitting patiently, ready to wait all day if necessary. One of the RAM coordinators told me that many of the Grundy patients were people who had waited hours and hours at the Wise County, Va., clinic, only to be turned away because there just wasn't enough time to see everyone.

I was given a long cafeteria table in the corner of the lobby and I laid out books on one side and bookmark-making materials on the other side. I then spent eight hours giving out books, and talking to parents, grandparents and children.

On the whole, the adults came and went, and the children stayed. We made book-marks and flip books and had discussions about books, life,

teeth, school and California. The kids and the adults were warm and friendly — true Southerners — and I felt lucky to be part of their lives for that short time.

The first day was the busiest and when I finally took a lunch break, it was the first chance I had to really talk to some of the hundreds of volunteers. There were medical professionals of all kinds, as well as students, retirees and everyone in between. There was even a group of college students from Notre Dame, who had spent 16 hours driving there (not counting the hours they spent lost).

I have never been part of such a huge and well organized volunteer effort, and I came away touched and impressed by the dedication, generosity and kindness of everyone I met. Every patient was treated with courtesy, patience and true caring. It was an incredible experience, and I hope to do it again and again.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@ac-library.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Contrary to the common perception that Peace Corps volunteers are all young, many older adults volunteer with this humanitarian service organization. Seniors who have done so will share the experiences they and others have had while serving in the Peace Corps in their later years in a program on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Albany Library.

Ralph Ellison, Marilyn Petersen and Sandi Swiderski will take turns discussing their volunteer experiences in Fiji, Uzbekistan and Ethiopia. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Albany Library. For more information on this program, contact the Alameda County Library Senior Services at 510-745-1491 or 510-745-1499.

Also at Albany: First Thursdays poetry program presents a poetry reading by poet Truong Tran on Nov. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. The recipient of several poetry fellowships, Tran has been published in numerous literary journals and is the author of "The Book of Perceptions," "placing the accents" and "dust and conscience," which won the Poetry Center Book Award for 2002. He will read from his latest book, He

will be reading from his latest book, "within the margin."

The free reading will be held in the Edith Stone Room. Light refreshments will be served.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. For information on its services and programs, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Readers Anonymous

Have you ever noticed the architectural details on Windrush School in El Cerrito? Come to the El Cerrito Library on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. for a living-history presentation. Windrush School was once Chung Mei home for Chinese boys and the Ming Quong home for Chinese girls was in Oakland. Former residents will lead a discussion about the school.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the check-out desk. Next up: "Lying Awake" by Mark Salzman (Oct. 28) and "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Nov. 23).

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510

Stockton Ave.

For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Learn more about saving for sending children or grandchildren to college, including the "529" college savings plans and their tax advantages with certified financial planner Jarrett Topel of American Express Financial Advisors on Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library. He will give an

overview of the costs of a college education, the best ways to save, and how to determine financial aid eligibility.

The library holds Family Storytimes for all ages on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled).

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

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Albany Peace Officers Association Albany City Council Candidate Endorsements

GENERAL ELECTION • NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Dear Albany Voter:

On behalf of your city Police Officers, Detectives, Sergeants and Lieutenants, Parking Enforcement Officers, Police Service Technicians, and police, fire and paramedic Communications Dispatchers, I am pleased to present you with the names of three City Council candidates who have received endorsement from the members of the Albany Peace Officers Association (APOA). For the reasons given below, we would like to encourage you to cast your vote for Ms. Jewel Okawachi, Mr. Alan Riffer and Mr. Farid Javandel in the upcoming City Council election.

During the week of August 20, 2004, each City Council candidate was invited to participate in an assessment interview conducted by a specially selected panel of APOA members. Candidates were questioned regarding employment experience, city governance and leadership, municipal employee relations, local issues, community service experience, community visioning, and fiscal management.

JEWEL OKAWACHI is running for her second term on the Albany City Council. During her first term she has served as both Councilwoman and Mayor. Her experience in local government and involvement with community is exemplary. She is a lifetime resident of Albany and raised her family here. She owned an Albany business for 27 years and has served as President of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Friends of Albany Seniors. She possesses a B.A. from UC Berkeley and has received numerous awards and recognition for her community service activities.

Having lived in Albany for many years, Ms. Okawachi has been involved in numerous committees, commissions and service groups, including the Waterfront Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Albany Education Foundation, Police Activities League, Prevention Council, Youth Task Force, and numerous others. She has repeatedly demonstrated her ability to participate in responsible policymaking decisions that serve the Albany community.

ALAN RIFFER has been an Albany resident for 20 years. He raised his family here while working as a financial manager and certified public accountant for large private and public institutions. He possesses both a Bachelor's degree and an MBA. He has previously served as a President and member of the Albany Unified School District School Board, and the City of Albany Charter Review Committee. He is actively involved in the Albany Education Foundation, Friends of the Albany Library and currently sits as a member of the Albany Parks and Recreation Commission.

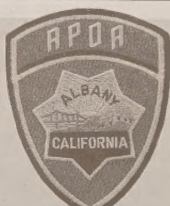
Mr. Riffer has demonstrated a high level of involvement with the Albany community and city government. He demonstrates a thorough knowledge of the difficult decisions that must be made by city government, particularly in managing development, setting policy, and expansion of open/park space. He has demonstrated flexibility and resourcefulness in his previous public service and his financial background will serve the citizens of Albany well.

FARID JAVANDEL works as a transportation engineer. He is a product of Albany's fine public school system and possesses both a B.S. and Masters degree from UC Berkeley. He was raised in Albany and has purchased a home here to raise his family because of the quality of life Albany offers its residents. He currently sits as a member of the Albany Traffic and Safety Commission and has also served as the Chair of the Commission. His service on the Traffic and Safety Commission have given him invaluable experience in local government processes that he can draw upon as a member of the City Council.

Mr. Javandel approaches problems from an analytical viewpoint and recognizes the importance of public input in the government process. He has consistently demonstrated that he is willing to listen to all viewpoints before making a considered decision on important issues affecting our community. He will bring a fresh perspective to our local government and has proven his openness to community concerns. He shows genuine concern for maintaining our city's character and family friendly environment.

We believe that Ms. Okawachi, Mr. Riffer and Mr. Javandel represent a balanced diversity of culture, age, community involvement and prior experience that will greatly benefit the members of our community during the next four years. Each candidate has shown, through his or her actions, that he or she is qualified and capable of protecting Albany's unique historical small town character without sacrificing its bright future. Please consider these three City Council candidates when you cast your vote in the coming election.

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Children

■ **Los Amiguitos de La Pena**, the popular Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents the following events: — Betsy Rose gives a rich musical storytelling from a seasoned artist, mother and longtime voice for peace and social justice on **Oct. 30**. — Gary Tenney's concert is on **Nov. 6**; mixing original and traditional music, a La Pena and Bay Area favorite. — Gary Lapow's concert is on **Nov. 20**; his inspiring music have been selected as *Parents Choice Recommended and Honor Recordings*. Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children. Details: call 510-648-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **East Bay Regional Park District** presents several Halloween events at Tilden Regional Park's Environmental Education Center, located near park's Canon Drive entrance: — Learn more about bats with Naturalist Jessica Shepherd at 4 - 6 p.m. on **Oct. 29**. Watch a video, play some bat games and learn how to identify bat calls. — "The Haunted Caves of the Environmental Education Center" is open 2 - 4 p.m. on **Oct. 30**. Venture if you dare for this spooky experience. Crafts and refreshments greet kids after they emerge from the darkness. Event recommended for ages three and up. Fee: \$3. — "Colors of the Day," a look for black and orange in nature, is at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on **Oct. 31**. Then from 2 - 4 p.m., take an "It's Halloween" walk along the Jewel Lake Trail to talk about the cultural history and meaning of All-Hallow's Eve with Naturalist Alan Kaplan. Details: call 510-544-2207.

■ **Halloween Fright Night** is from 5 - 8:30 p.m. on **Oct. 29** at the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St. Haunted house, Halloween parade, costume & scream con-

tests, and goodie bags are all waiting for youth four - 12 years old. Cost for haunted house is \$3. Details: call Ginsi at 510-981-6670.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science** presents its Halloween Party featuring Magic Mike at 6:30 - 9 p.m. on **Oct. 30** at 100 Centennial Drive. Michael Stroud, AKA Magic Mike, co-author of the *Klutz Book of Magic*, will entertain with magic shows at 7 and 8 p.m.; there will also be face painting, scary stories, information on bats and other animals, and refreshments. Tickets: \$8 - \$12; call 510-642-5134. Details: go to www.lawrencehallscience.org.

■ **Dr. Lori-Ann Gertsonson**, a local chiropractic doctor and certified injury prevention specialist, and her staff will provide one-on-one **backpack safety evaluations** at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. on **Oct. 30** at Creating Human Institute, 828 San Pablo Ave., Suite 115C, Albany. Learn best way to use your backpack. These evaluations are to help students, parents and educators better understand risks of improper backpack use. Free for school-age children. Details: call 510-526-1559.

■ **El Cerrito Recreation Department** presents "Peekaboo Music" classes for children up to 18 months, with parent/caregiver on Saturdays 9 - 9:45 a.m. through **Oct. 30** at Castro Clubhouse, 1420 Norwell St. Share the joy of music with your little one. Cost: \$24 - \$30. Walk-ins welcome if space permits. To register, call Judie at 510-559-7000. Details: call Christine at 415-271-3260.

■ Registration has started for **Winter Twilite Basketball League** at Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St. Program is an educational sports program for youth between 11-18 years old. Youth attend a one-hour workshop preceding each game on issues such as tobacco and drug prevention, academic improvement, conflict resolution and more. League is divided up into three age groups, begins on **Jan. 7** and continues through March 19, 2005. Cost is \$265 per team or \$23 per individual player. Priority is given to West and South Berkeley residents. Details: call 510-981-6670.

Community

■ **Groundbreaking ceremony** for new Davis Hall North, headquarters of Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS) is at 1:30 - 4 p.m. on **Oct. 29** at UC Berkeley. At 1:30 p.m., Dean A. Richard Newton gives presentation "Engineering a Better World" at Bechtel Engineering Center's Sibley Auditorium on north side of campus. At 2:30 p.m. is groundbreaking ceremony between Davis Hall South and the Naval Architecture Building. At 3 p.m. is a demonstration of CITRIS projects at McLaughlin Hall Plaza, between McLaughlin and O'Brien halls. Details: call Teresa at 510-643-6803 or email tomore@coe.berkeley.edu or go to www.cp.berkeley.edu/CITRISDavis.

■ **Berkeley Farmers' Market** presents pumpkin carving, costume making booths, and a Caribbean music performance by Asheba from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on **Oct. 30**. — Tuesday Farmer's Market will make its annual change to winter hours of 2 - 6 p.m. on **Nov. 2**. — Ashby BART station, buses on MLK and Shattuck nearby/street parking/wheelchair access. Details: call 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Northbrae Community Church** presents a Bazaar at 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on **Oct. 30** at 941 The Alameda. Their Day of the Dead Celebration is at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on **Oct. 31**, with coffee following event. Throughout the world people pause in fall to give thanks for abundance and to remember those special people who have gone before them and who have enriched their lives. On October 31, during worship, Northbrae will honor "torchbearers" who have influenced our lives. Please bring something of remembrance, a token from a loved one, a picture, something that symbolizes the "Saints" who have blessed your life. Before service starts, place items on altar where they will be held in sacred embrace through Northbrae's worship experience. Details: call 510-526-3905.

■ **New School of Berkeley's Halloween Bazaar** is at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on **Oct. 30** at 1606 Bonita St., rain or shine. Bazaar features face painting, children's games, apple bobbing, pumpkins, a giant rummage sale, a book sale, great lunches, crafts, a haunted house, a bake sale, and live entertainment by: Los Papacitos, the Del Mars, Strange Angels and the Waterdogs. Free. Proceeds support the New School's scholarship fund. The New School is a preschool and daycare

center entering its 39th year of quality child care. Details: call 510-548-9165.

■ **A Harvest for Peace**, celebrating peace, gifts of the earth and our ancestors, begins at 10:30 a.m. on **Oct. 30** at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Songs and activities for the whole family. Please bring a seasonal fruit or vegetable for a local soup kitchen donation; and bring pictures or remembrances of your grandparents, favorite animals, or those you consider ancestors. Details: call Betsy at 510-525-7082 or email betsy@betsyrosemusic.org.

■ **Spooky Halloween Concert & Square Dance** with old-time string-band music by the Stairwell Sisters & the Squirrelly Stringband at 9:30 p.m. on **Oct. 30** at the Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave. with a concert set and two sets of square dancing. Cost: \$8. Beginners welcome, and costumes encouraged. Details: go to www.stairwellsisters.com, email info@stairwellsisters.com, or call 510-502-0400.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following adoption opportunities: cats available for adoption at 12 - 3 p.m. on **Oct. 30** at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave.; dogs available for adoption at 12 - 3 p.m. on **Oct. 30** at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. Details: call 510-267-1915 or go to www.hopalong.org.

■ **California Revels Autumn Showcase** is at 2 p.m. on **Oct. 31** at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2460 College Ave. Looking for something different this Halloween? Come usher in the holiday season with bagpipes and Scottish flair, featuring storyteller and musician Kevin Carr. Tickets: Adults: \$10, children under 15: \$5. Purchase at door or CBON Ticket Line: 925-798-1300. Details: go to www.cairevels.org.

■ **Election Night Watch** at La Peña Cultural Center starts at 5:30 p.m. on **Nov. 2** at 3105 Shattuck Ave. Gather with other progressives to share this historic Día de los Muertos. Come prepared to celebrate or commiserate, but most importantly to discuss future work regardless of outcome. Big screen TV will provide the background, community's activism will be in foreground. Political satire by presidential candidate, spoken word artist Aya de Leon. Endorsed by Code Pink, Global Exchange, True Majority, Working Assets and others. Food and drink will be available. Donation requested. No one turned away for lack of funds. — **Post Election Benefit Bash** is at 7 p.m. on **Nov. 4**. Food, music by local artists, entertain-

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CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE stages "Noises Off," Frayn's rib-splitting farce, directed by Daren A.C. Carollo, on Saturdays, and selected Sundays through Nov. 20. Tickets: \$15. CCCT is at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Details: 510-648-2568 or www.ccct.org

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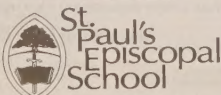
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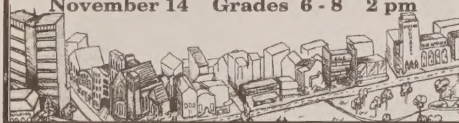
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Celebrate the Wilderness Act — The Sierra Club is hosting a party and celebration of 40th anniversary of first Wilderness Act of 1964 at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19, 1538 San Pablo Ave. There will be a wide show of glorious wilderness photos and of people and events leading to that historic achievement. Hear from wilderness enthusiasts in the United States, share your refreshments, and enjoy refreshments. Presentation by Jack Robbins, Matusky, and Alan Carlton.

Legacy & Beyond! Family Literacy Event at the Downtown Berkeley Public Library at 7 - 9 p.m. on Nov. 5 at 2001 Center Way. Free. Come celebrate Dia de los Muertos! Come learn about this day of celebrating and honoring the dead. Activities include altar making and crafts. Free. Call 510-845-2271.

Asian Business Association presents "Welcome Aboard!" Fashion Show benefit at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Morgan Center for the Arts, 1600 College Ave. ABA's 8th annual fashion showcase features fashions, runway skills and performances by UC Berkeley student groups. All proceeds benefit the "Safe Place" Domestic Violence Shelter in Oakland. Tickets: ABA members \$10, Non-ABA members: \$12. Call 510-845-8542 or go to www.asianbusiness.org.

Spencer's Fresh Fish Grotto thanks veterans for their contributions to our country with a "Tribute to Veterans" celebration offering retired military personnel a complimentary lunch or dinner on Nov. 7 at 1919 Fourth St. Present a VA card, a VFW card, discharge papers or a DD214 to your server when you are seated. Reservations suggested but not required. 510-845-7771.

American Red Cross will be having a mobile blood drive in various locations around Berkeley and Albany: at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave.; at 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Nov. 19-19 at UC Berkeley Big Game Drive, MLK Student Union. For more info: call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit online at www.BloodDonor.com.

"No Men's Land: Growing Up in a Jewish-Christian Home" talk is at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. What is it growing up in an interfaith home? Short, humorous, emotionally powerful, this one woman show tells how a Catholic Jewish woman came to define her spirituality. Cost: \$9/person, \$15/couple. 510-839-2900 x347 or dawn@jfed.org.

Growing Up in a Bay Area Orphanage for Chinese Youth shows at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9 at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. View a narrated video of historical photos telling story of Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys and Ming Quong Home for Chinese girls. Panel discussion follows featuring former residents. Free. 510-526-7512.

Gathering Tribes Gallery, 1573 Solano Ave., presents Marian Denipah (Tewa) and Steve LaRance (Hopi), award winning Native American jewelry exhibiting fine bracelets, rings, necklaces and more in 14kt gold and silver with precious and semi-precious stones on Oct. 29 through Dec. 31. Reception

is at 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Oct. 29. — NaNa Ping, award winning Native American (Yaqui) jeweler exhibits fine bracelets, belts, necklaces and more in silver with precious and semi-precious stones on Nov. 12 - 14. Reception is at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 12. 510-528-9038.

"Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families" exhibit illustrates the growing diversity of the American family. Exhibits runs through Oct. 29 at Prospect Sierra Middle School Library, 960 Avis Drive, El Cerrito. — 2) Reception is at 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 at Prospect Sierra Elementary School Library, 2060 Tapscott Ave., El Cerrito. Exhibit display dates: Nov. 3 to Nov. 12. www.prospectsierra.org, contact Sam at 510-528-5800, or e-mail sam@prospectsierra.org.

Film/dance/stage

Mark Morris Dance Group performs at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, 8 p.m. Oct. 29-30. Dance programs include *Mosaic* and *United*, Henry Cowell's string quartets, Bartok, Schumann, Monteverdi. Tickets: \$30-56. 510-642-9988.

Lawrence Hall of Science presents a showing of "THX 1138" at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at 100 Centennial Drive. George Lucas' futuristic 1971 film was partially filmed at LHS. Tickets: \$7 students, \$10 general public. 510-642-5132 or www.lawrencehallscience.org.

Albany High School Theater Ensemble presents Pirandello's "Absolutely (Perhaps)" on Oct. 29 - 31 and Nov. 5 - 7 at Albany High School's Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd. Friday and Saturday shows start at 8 p.m., Sunday shows start at 2 p.m. Tickets sold at

door only; \$5 students and seniors, \$10 adults. Details: call 510-558-2500 x2579.

Acme Players Ensemble presents David Gilman's "Ghost in the Machine" on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through Nov. 7 at APE Space, 2525 8th St. at Dwight Way. It's a drama about two academic couples caught in a web of game theory, academic scandal, and plain old sexual tension. Directed by Jordan Winer. Show times: Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday shows are as follows: 2 p.m. on Oct. 31, and 7 p.m. on Nov. 7. Tickets: Suggested Donation \$5 to \$20. Reservations and questions, 510-332-1931.

Legendary Russian dance company Bolshoi Ballet & Orchestra comes to UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, performing a daring production of *Romeo and Juliet* at 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 and at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4. They will also perform Yuri Grigorovich's *Raymonda* at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5; at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Nov. 6, and at 3 p.m. on Nov. 7. Tickets are \$48 - \$110. Details: call 510-642-9988.

St. Joseph the Worker Church presents "First Fridays", films with a social conscience, on the first Friday of every month. "Hidden in Plain Sight", a call for accountability to U.S. policy in Latin America, will show at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 at 1640 Addison St. Upcoming films include "In Bad Company": on the anniversary of his death, Fr. Bill's first conversation with Martin Sheen (12/98), playing on Dec. 3; and "Peace, Propaganda, & the Promised Land": an historical overview of factors which distort media coverage of the Middle East Conflict, playing on Jan. 7, 2005. Admission is free. Details: 510-482-1062.



DANNY SANTOS & THE SAVOYS play in a free performance on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. at Down Home Music, 10341 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Santos and company are well-versed in the art of bygone music genres, from pre-war blues and jazz to early rock 'n' roll. Details: 510-525-2129

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Comment

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The project stalls, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority may grant \$6.7 million in state C sales tax money to the city. That money was approved by county voters in 1988 and earmarked for the project at the Del Norte BART station.

The project is controversial among members of the Contra Costa Neighborhood Association, which fear increased traffic, noise and pollution from the new garage, said Behrens co-chair Charles Burress, who also is a member of the ad hoc Plaza group.

County School Board members also are concerned about the effect of the project on Cougar Field and Albany High School, said board vice chair Miriam Walden.

The board would request an additional 30 days to consider the SEIR and the city and school district are considering hiring separate consultants to study the project.

Walden said that when perhaps a decision was made to put the project where they want to put

it, the people who made the decisions were not fully aware of the impacts it would have," Burress said. "We are certainly not opposed to housing and more parking. The question is where to put it, that would best serve the purposes of the Measure C tax money."

Ann Chaney, Albany's community development director, said the city may consider closing down two streets leading from that city to the Plaza and said the SEIR should examine what effect that would have.

The SEIR will be delivered to City Hall, on San Pablo and Manila avenues, on Nov. 1 and will eventually be online, said planning manager Jennifer Carman.

After the 45-day review period, consultants will incorporate the comments into a final document that will be presented for approval by the planning commission, paving the way for construction, Huo said.

The project may be appealed to the City Council, according to a July memo written by former community development director Jill Keimach.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at alopez1@cctimes.com.

Charges

FROM PAGE A1

A black and yellow mailer sent earlier this week blasts Magna for not being a "good neighbor" and encourages residents to vote for Parker and Lieber based on their strong opposition to a proposed waterfront casino and mall development.

"We're running for City Council because Albany faces a serious threat of large-scale development on our waterfront," reads the mailer, which bears 17 endorsements, including the Sierra Club, Rep. Barbara Lee, the Democratic Party, local environmental leaders and three Albany School Board members. "We are pledged to protect Albany from this massive mall and casino plan."

However, a two-page "open letter from concerned Albany citizens" being dropped on doorsteps by volunteers through election day disputes Parker and Lieber's waterfront assertions, calling them scare tactics, misleading accusations and campaign gimmicks.

The leaflet is signed by 17

prominent residents, including outgoing City Councilwoman Peggy Thomsen, Mayor Jon Ely, City Councilman Allan Maris and Albany School Board President David Farrell.

It says all of the candidates and the City Council are opposing Prop. 68, which would allow slot machines at Golden Gate Fields and that funding for the state measure has dropped because of poor polling results and the opposition of both the Democratic Party and the governor.

Measure C, the city's waterfront protection measure, will leave development decisions to the voters, according to the leaflet. It also calls Lieber's and Parker's endorsement of an environmental plan to develop 85 percent of the waterfront as open space a campaign gimmick because no money has been identified to purchase the land.

"While we can't force Magna (Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields) out of our waterfront, we can fight to insure that whatever Magna does with the property is what Albany citizens want," the mailer reads. "Measure C gives Albany voters, not the City Council nor any corporation or political pressure

group, that power."

The leaflet criticizes Parker and Lieber for running a slick and expensive campaign that defies the city's "small town character."

"The whole campaign has been run on deception and expending funds way beyond what most people have," Thomsen said.

Parker defended his campaign, saying it is necessary to raise money above the voluntary spending limit to inform voters about the importance of protecting the city's waterfront from development.

"I haven't done anything out of the ordinary," said Parker. "I think what I've done is really lay out the issue — the issue about the waterfront ... I feel strongly it's important to raise awareness. I think I've done that."

Said Lieber: "The money is really a non-issue. It's an issue that the council has raised; it's not an issue that citizens have raised."

Parker and Lieber said they filed a complaint with the Fair Political Practices Commission, calling the leaflet a "Swift Boat-style attack" and alleging that candidate Alan Riffer and in-

cumbent Jewel Okawachi broke city and state law by coordinating the document and failing to identify themselves.

Riffer and Okawachi denied any involvement.

"It would have been bad for me to get involved in this, but I thought it was a very good piece," said Okawachi.

Meanwhile, political action committee Californians Against Waste spent \$1,856 on an informational postcard in support of Lieber and Parker, according to a campaign finance disclosure filed with the city on Wednesday.


Parker and Lieber were the only candidates out of six running for three open seats to eschew a voluntary \$6,000 campaign contribution limit.

As of Oct. 16, Lieber had raised \$5,551 for his campaign, including a \$3,000 loan to himself.

Okawachi raised \$4,590; and Riffer raised \$2,519. Candidates Richard Cross and Farid Javandel said they're raising less than \$1,000 for their campaigns.

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CITY OF BERKELEY BALLOT MEASURES

MEASURE B (Special Tax - Berkeley Unified School District): **Yes**
MEASURE H (Public Financing of Elections): **Yes**
MEASURE I (Date of Mayoral Elections): **Yes**
MEASURE J (Utility Users Tax): **Yes**
MEASURE K (Youth Services Special Tax): **Yes**
MEASURE L (Library Special Tax): **Yes**
MEASURE M (Paramedic Special Tax): **Yes**
MEASURE N (Appropriation Limit Approval): **Yes**
MEASURE O (Rent Stabilization Base Rent Ceilings): **YES!**
MEASURE P (Rent Stabilization Section 8 Rent): **YES!**
MEASURE Q (Prostitution Enforcement): **No**
MEASURE R (Medical Marijuana Dispensary Permits): **No**
MEASURE S (Tree Board): No Position

SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES AND MEASURES

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BART District 3: **Roy Nakadegawa**
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AC District, Ward 2: **Christine Zook**
MEASURE AA (Bonds - BART District): **Yes**
MEASURE BB (Parcel Tax - AC Transit Special District Area 1): **Yes**
MEASURE CC (Parcel Tax - East Bay Regional Park District Zone 1): **Yes**

STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROP 1A (Protection of Local Government Revenues): **Yes**
PROP 59 (Public Records, Open Meetings): **Yes**
PROP 60 (Election Rights of Political Parties): **Yes**
PROP 60A (Surplus Property): **Yes**
PROP 61 (Children's Hospital Projects. Grant Program): **Yes**
PROP 62 (Elections. Primaries): **NO!**
PROP 63 (Mental Health Services Expansion, Funding, Tax on Personal Incomes Above \$1 Million): **Yes**
PROP 64 (Limit on Private Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Laws): **NO!**
PROP 65 (Local Government Funds, Revenues. State Mandates): **Yes**
PROP 66 (Limitations on "Three Strikes" Law. Sex Crimes. Punishment): **YES!**
PROP 67 (Emergency Medical Services. Fund-ing. Telephone Surcharge): **Yes**
PROP 68 (Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion. Tribal Gaming Compact Amendments. Revenues, Tax Exemptions): **No**
PROP 69 (DNA Samples. Collection. Database. Funding): **No**
PROP 70 (Tribal Gaming Compacts. Exclusive Gaming Rights. Contributions to State): No Position
PROP 71 (Stem Cell Research. Funding. Bonds): **Yes**
PROP 72 (Health Care Coverage Requirements): **YES!**



PUMPKIN PATCH POLITICS: Arlington Boulevard resident Debbie Weeks spelled out her support of the El Cerrito utility users tax on the Nov. 2 ballot, combining the spirit of Halloween with election season. "Starting on Oct. 31 the pumpkins will turn into the real deal," Weeks wrote on the Web site El Cerrito Wire. "With the letters carved out of fresh pumpkins, labor donated by supporters of Measure K."

Gym

FROM PAGE A1

The Portola Middle School gym is too small and has no kitchen or restrooms, said Laurie Schumacher, Anna Schumacher's mother and member of the graduation committee. The El Cerrito Community Center declined to host the event, Laurie Schumacher said.

Many El Cerrito parents and students said the decision rein-

forced a distrust of district administration.

"I can't describe to you my rage at once again being led down the primrose path by certain staff members of this district," wrote parent Hallie Friedman in an e-mail to the school board.

Last year, administrators came to the community to settle where the new school would be rebuilt.

Many parents wanted to keep students in the current building while constructing a facility on

adjacent fields. However, the district decided to demolish the current building and construct a new one on its site.

"They asked our opinion, they asked our input," Schumacher said. "Again, the plans fall through and they do what they want to do."

Savidge said perhaps he should have been more firm with the community when originally making the decision.

"I should have just told them no a year ago."

Measure K

FROM PAGE A1

Cerrito Services, Committee for Measure K.

And the East Bay Sanitary Company Inc., which provides garbage service for El Cerrito residents, donated \$5,000.

Brit Johnson, a member of El Cerritos for Tax Justice, a group opposing Measure K, questioned the donations, saying they didn't "pass the smell test." The tax justice group raised \$3,868 through Oct. 16, mostly in contributions of less than \$100.

A supplemental environmental report for Garlock's development is due on Monday, Nov. 1, while East Bay Sanitary requested a 14.4 percent increase in its compensation from the city, according to a recent memo by public works director Jerry Bradshaw.

Neither Mark Figone, the owner of East Bay Sanitary, nor Garlock, could be reached for comment.

Kevin Reikes, political con-

sultant for the pro-Measure K committee said there was nothing inappropriate about the donations.

"There's more than just two people (who donated)," he said.

Donations included \$5,000 from the Service Employees International Union Local 790 in Oakland; \$1,000 from Matteson Realty Services Inc., in Redwood City; \$250 from interim community development director Susan Westman and contributions of up to \$150 from individuals in El Cerrito, Oakland and Mill Valley.

Brad Castel, treasurer for the pro-Measure K campaign refused to comment on the contributions in question and said the real issue is that the city stands to lose \$2.2 million, about 12 percent of its general fund, if Measure K fails.

That could result in cuts to child care services, City Hall, library, swim and senior center hours, layoffs in the police and fire departments and the closure of Fire Station 72 on Arlington Boulevard.

A letter by City Manager Scott Hanin, mailed to residents and available at City Hall, reinforces the consequences of losing the tax money.

"If Measure K fails, it could impact many aspects of our lives here in El Cerrito," the letter says. "Because we are a small, predominantly residential city, our City Council does not have many

options for replacing the City Council's budget," he said.

Johnston, husband of a citywoman Gina Bradshaw, he's given the letter to discern whether a legal line that forbids resources to advocate a lot measure.

"We're looking for a

Hanin however, denied that it was an attempt to decide the city attorney's letter before it was mailed.

"The city has some ability to tell people sure K is and why not," Hanin said.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, voters will vote on Measure K, deciding whether to raise the city's utility users tax to a 12 percent fee on residential gas and cable television. Residents have been paying 1992.

Opponents say the city has flaws need to be fixed and brought back to the future.

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I used to do was pore over seed catalogs, marking and listing the ones I wanted. Too many fantasies and far too much worry where I would find room for them. Some years I didn't order anything. In the process, the decisions in my mind was the wrong one. I would very likely be shipped at the wrong time. It would be too late and cold outside, and I didn't want to go out there to look for my treasure.

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Listing agents

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veteran told me she presented her offer to the seller's agent and asked how many other contracts had been written. The agent hesitated before finally saying there had been only one other bid. Previously, she had indicated that there would be quite a few offers.

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The hills offered a rustic haven to poet Joaquin Miller, who set up camp where a park now bears his name, according to Mailman. "But these same hills proved irresistible to developers," she said. "After transit lines reached the hills, promoters held picnics at the end of the line to entice people to buy land.

Meadows and windswept hills turned to orchards and, soon after, to lovely neighborhoods.

In writing the book, Mailman drew largely from the magnificent archives of the Oakland History Room at the Oakland Public Library. She also added gems from local family collections to complete this entertaining journey through time.

A Great Good Place for Books, 6120 LaSalle Ave. in Oakland's Montclair district will carry the book after Nov. 2. The book costs \$19.99. Call the store at 510-339-8210 to learn more.

"You may also purchase through other local bookstores and from Arcadia's Web site, arcadiapublishing.com," said Mailman.

Three events have been scheduled, where the book will be for sale.

■ Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 to 9 p.m. A Great Good Place for Books, 6120 LaSalle Ave., Oakland. 510-339-8210. "This small charming bookstore is in the heart of Montclair Village," Mailman said. I will show slides of the images from the book and discuss the project.

■ Thursday, Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m. A Great Good Place for Books, 6120 LaSalle Ave., Oakland. 510-339-8210. "This book signing event is part of Montclair Village's Holiday Stroll, an evening where area businesses stay open late and holiday spirit prevails," said Mailman.



THE LEIMERT BRIDGE SPANS SAUSAL CREEK in this aerial photo of the Oakland hills taken in the early 1930s. Erika Mailman's "Oakland Hills" is the first to discuss the neighborhoods that appeared in the hills above Oakland beginning in the 19th century.

The book with its wealth of historic photos covers Montclair, Rockridge, Glenview, Redwood Heights, Oakmore, Dimond, Trestle Glen, Laurel and other neighborhoods. It has a special chapter on the 1991 Firestorm.

Real Estate Focus:

Lafayette home offers sensational views



The home at 830 Mountain View Drive in Lafayette has that special flair. The long private driveway leads up to the lush landscaped courtyard. The home includes a two-way living room with fireplace, a master suite and a 30-foot-long gallery. This four-bedroom, four-bath home on three scenic acres overlooks Mt Diablo. It features a stucco and cedar wood exterior, an oversized terrace and deck, an entry foyer, a living room with 16-foot ceilings and a gracious formal dining room. A state-of-the-art kitchen with fixtures from Thermador, Sub Zero, Borsch and Kohler opens to a family room with a fireplace and media cabinet. The master suite has a marble fireplace, his-and-her walk-in closets, a marble bath with a Jacuzzi and a separate shower. This scenic three acre property maximizes sensational views. The winding driveway and courtyard enhance its aesthetic appeal with mature landmark oaks providing privacy. A flat rear lawn area blends in with the landscape. Materials of timeless quality include cherry wood cabinetry, travertine flooring, granite countertops, glass and marble.

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Note that, although uncommon and not advisable, it is possible for a seller to instruct his agent not to disclose the number of offers or who wrote them. In that instance, buyers' agents will not be told who else is bidding. It is imperative, however, that any information given out by a licensed salesperson be true, to the best of his knowledge.

There are whispers of some, overly aggressive, listing agents who threaten buyers' agents that their offer will not be accepted if they use certain inspectors. Agents who do this may realize they are setting themselves and the sellers up for possible buyer complaints and monetary penalties after close of escrow.

In another scenario, a house is about to fall out of contract. The listing agent asks the buyer's agent not to provide him with the inspection reports and plans not to disclose to future buyers the existence of these previous inspections. This is a serious breach of an agent's fiduciary duties and could result not only in disciplinary action, but monetary damages against the agent and his seller.

Buyers' and sellers' agents

A common mistake made by some listing agents is to tell competing buyers' agents that a contract with no financing or inspection contingencies is best. Some agents advise their buyers to write non-contingent offers so as to be "more competitive."

The problem is that most buyers need to get a loan. Having a valid pre-approval letter is no guarantee of a loan. If the financing does not go through, e.g., because an identity search determines there is a child support lien, both the buyer and seller could be harmed.

The seller might have made financial commitments with the anticipated funds because the contract was contingency-free. With no money forthcoming from the now

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failed escrow, this could result in large losses for him. The listing agent may not have cautioned the seller to wait until loan documents are in escrow before making irrevocable plans.

The buyer, conversely, may not have understood the ramifications of no loan contingency. If it was not fully explained to the buyer that he could be liable to the seller if he does not get a loan, the buyer might look to his agent for those damages. (See "Pre-Approval Letters: Can You Count on Them?" on my Web site.)

Further, buyers are entitled to adequate time to inspect the property and research permits, neighborhood conditions, etc. Eliminating the inspection contingency creates the potential for a later legal challenge by the buyer against both agents and the seller. This is true even if the seller provided pre-sale reports.

Caution and care is most called for when there is dual agency—the same agent representing both buyer and seller. Not all agents have the capacity or experience to fulfill this role correctly.

As an example, sometimes the listing agent is a dual agent where there are multiple offers. If that agent writes a contract with no financing contingency and a very short inspection period, he could be putting both the buyer and seller in a vulnerable position. Suppose the buyer does not get the loan—the buyer and seller could be damaged, with the dual agent in the middle.

Similarly, if escrow and the buyer later encounter issues with the condition of the home, he may attempt to pressure limiting his liability and look to the agent for compensation.

Later, it may be found that risks of no loan contingency too short an inspection were not adequately explained to either the seller or buyer. In this instance, the agent's liability be vast.

Final thoughts

Buyers and sellers are expected to be real estate licensed agents are. Many excellent people are in the business. Nevertheless, when people act unethically or, potentially, they leave their and/or sellers exposed.

Take the time to have a review with you his or her before committing. Pay attention to whether this individual is protecting you or simply selling. This may save you from coming an unwitting victim of one who was supposed to be representing your best interests.

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Getting rid of PMI can be tricky

Q. I am a first-time homebuyer with a conventional loan from CalHfa. I have never been late with my payments and have been making payments since March 2003. I purchased my home for \$238,000 and it is probably worth at least \$300,000, if not more.

I contacted my lender to try and remove private mortgage insurance and they said it couldn't be removed until I make 24 consecutive on-time payments. Is this true?

A. Typically once a loan goes below 80 percent of the secured property's market value, PMI is no longer necessary.

However, depending on the mortgage documentation (which is basically your loan contract, or covenant) that you signed, a stipulation requiring 24 consecutive on-time payments may be an additional consideration to remove the PMI requirement.

That may be a specific requirement from CalHfa. Also, given the

price volatility of the California housing market (as evidenced by your property increasing in value by more than 20 percent in about one year's time), the 24-month interval may be necessary to mitigate both the lender's risk and CalHfa's risk in such a fluctuating housing market.

Therefore, as always, the written terms of your agreement will dictate what can be done by all parties. Read your loan documentation to see what specific terms must be met to remove your PMI. If there is nothing in that documentation requiring the 24 consecutive months, then bring that to your lender's attention so that they can remove the PMI.

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underground, I can't tell where, won't know until they cut their tops, and then I'll be satisfied.
I found fine spots for the bulbs, out the best one I used — inside a decayed stump. The thought of their deep orange cups made that tree stump made me feel pretty jaunty and the change in my attitude was only slight and yet, so huge. By some miracle, I'd be able to plant bulbs without any worry.
As when I went on the Internet and kinda lost my mind. This time I ordered 4 lilies, 60 cerise-and-white anemones, 50 lilies, 15 homebushes — the price was so good, here so pretty in the photo, I resisted — a jumbo bag of 100 narcissus. I punched in my card number and clicked the button.
Oh, I thought right afterward. Have I done? Where will I plant all those bulbs, especially narcissus Sundial? The lilies are a problem, nor the homebush. I can play my game the rest.

Placing the narcissus however will be more difficult. They are larger bulbs requiring larger holes, and they don't like summer water, so I can't place them in my flower beds. Wow, 100 are a lot of narcissus.

After lengthy consideration and much walking around looking for potential spots, I decide they must stay together, like a big family, in an unused bed at the top of the garden. The weather is still fair, and the ground rather soft. Remarkably, I actually get out my garden fork to turn over the soil in the chosen bed. I even add amendments and fertilizer, turn it over again. I'm very impressed at my pre-preparation.

The shipment is left on my doorstep, a sizeable box, which I bring into the kitchen table to open. Inside are labeled mesh bags, out from which loose bulb skins float. Back in the box they go, and so that I cannot ignore my responsibilities, I leave the box square in the middle of the table.

But not for long. The big bed is waiting and ready. I plant every bulb. It took a bit of time to make the hundred holes, and maybe I didn't dig them deep enough. Just in case, I added some potting soil on top.

And now I can't wait till spring when small batches of flowers will surprise me as I turn a corner, appearing seemingly from nowhere. Just imagine, the loudest of all, one hundred yellow Sundial narcissus in a single family group.

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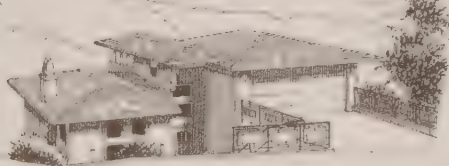
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Consumers confused about credit scores

■ Survey finds that majority don't understand scores' significance

BY SAMANTHA PETERSON
INMAN NEWS

Most Americans do not understand credit scores despite the scores' increasing importance in obtaining loans, insurance, housing and even jobs, according to the results of a survey by the Consumer Federation of America and Provident Financial.

Most consumers do not understand what credit scores measure, what good and bad scores are, and how scores can be improved. The survey interviewed 1,027 American adults in late July.

Stephen Brobeck, CFA executive director, said credit scores should become another key number, such as weight, that Americans keep track of on a regular basis.

"The cost of not knowing your score and its significance could be not only denial of credit but also difficulty obtaining needed services and even a job," Brobeck said.

Most consumers surveyed correctly understand that lenders use credit scores, but only a minority know that electric utilities, home insurers and landlords often use credit scores to decide whether to sell a service and at what price. The good news in the survey is that

most consumers - 59 percent - recognize that their knowledge of credit scores is only poor or fair.

Other findings of the survey include:

■ Only about one third correctly understand that credit scores indicate the risk of not repaying a loan, not factors like financial resources to pay back loans or knowledge of consumer credit.

■ More than half incorrectly believe that a married couple has a combined credit score.

■ Few consumers know what constitutes a good score. Only 12 percent correctly identified the low 600s as the level below which they would be denied credit or have to pay a higher, subprime rate. And only 13 percent correctly understand that scores above the low 700s usually qualify them for the lowest rates.

■ Many consumers do not have a clear idea how to improve their credit score. About 40 percent don't understand that paying off a large balance on a credit card will improve their credit score.

"Even if they were aware of their score and their significance, many would not know how to improve it," Brobeck said.

■ Many who try to learn their credit score in the future will be surprised to learn that there is often a charge. Almost 75 percent incorrectly believe they can obtain their

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credit score for free once a year. That right was recently established for free access to one's credit report, but not for free access to one's credit score except when applying for a mortgage loan.

"Consumers would be wise to check their score periodically, but they should definitely learn their score before applying for a loan, insurance, an apartment or a job," Brobeck said.

Employers are increasingly using credit scores as one measure of a potential employee's discipline and prudent behavior, Brobeck said. That shift comes as employers are desperately seeking reliable information on potential employees now that organizations don't freely give out information on past employees because of lawsuit fears.

"Whether we like it or not, that's

the reality," Brobeck said.

That's yet one more reason for consumers to educate themselves about credit scores. There's a lot of information out there about the scores, Brobeck said, and financial institutions could help make sure consumers understand the significance of the scores and possibly offer their customers free access to their credit scores.

"I think banks could probably do a little better job of getting that information into the hands of consumers," Brobeck said.

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'Mortgage Grader' unveils loan-cost secrets

BY SAMANTHA PETERSON
INMAN NEWS

For years, mortgage broker Jeff Lazerson watched in frustration as consumers took their business elsewhere, telling him his loan pricing was too high.

He would try to explain that his was an honest quote. He would plead with them to understand that the other, lower-priced loan was simply a lowball figure and wasn't necessarily accurate. Still, his customer prospects were tempted by the lure of a supposed lower price.

"I have lost hundreds of loans over the years to these bait-and-switch artists," Lazerson said.

The solution, he decided, was for borrowers to be better educated about mortgage costs. That would benefit his business, he reasoned, and consumers as they shopped for the best lending options. The result is Mortgage Grader, a division of Lazerson's Laguna Niguel, Calif.-based Portfolio Mortgage.

Launched at the end of May, the

free service lets consumers a loan from dozens of lenders based solely on official information. They do not reveal any personal information, such as race, ethnicity or age. From there, they can see different loan options and out in what Lazerson calls an easy-to-understand format.

Mortgage Grader was the gatekeeper of the customer collecting it but not sharing it with lenders. Lazerson collects no fees for consumers for the quote.

Lazerson won't reveal the quote to lenders. He said the idea will catch on. Mortgage Grader, but even if it doesn't, where Lazerson is happy to understand more about the

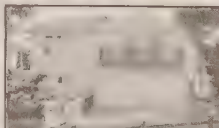
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Lazerson calls it a blue book style mortgage information, with each page a cost, including the whole package, laid out for the consumer. It's quite a change from how the mortgage industry normally operates. The fragmented pricing out there is inherently designed to confuse consumers so that they don't know how to shop around," he said. Lazerson said Mortgage Grader from LendingTree because mortgage Grader consumers don't have their personal information to lenders. Instead, lenders make offers based on the consumer's financial information, submitting that back to Mortgage Grader. Mortgage Grader loan officers then offer the offers with consumers, allowing lenders do not contact consumers directly, he said. Mortgage Grader only runs one report and submits that to lenders along with the person's self-reported financial data, eliminating lenders' fears of lowering their credit score by having too many credit checks. The loan officer is subject to lenders verifying consumers' financial information. Because lenders offer mortgage based solely on those financial criteria, other factors such as race and location are eliminated in the process, Lazerson said. Consumers are concerned they will receive biased lending op-

tions if they reveal those personal details. Consumers eventually reveal that information if they decide to seek financing with one of the lenders that responded to their application. By that time, however, the loan is already priced out and unlikely to change, Lazerson said. And consumers by then under-

stand how much the loan really should cost because of the information Mortgage Grader provides them. Mortgage Grader also reveals to consumers the wholesale price of the loans, along with the company's margins on the loans. Consumers can then decide whether they believe the service is worth that price.

"Nobody in our world discloses their margins," Lazerson said. "It's sort of ironic because Realtors have done it for years. If it's good enough for the Realtors, it should be good enough for us."

Consumers like Raymond McKown appear to appreciate the openness. McKown was intrigued by Mortgage Grader's promise to ex-

plain all the options available to him in refinancing his La Verne, Calif., house. He liked the way Mortgage Grader loan officers took the time to explain everything to him, which he found to be a total change from his previous experiences with mortgage professionals.

"They just wanted to sign me up for a loan right then, and I don't like

to be pushed," McKown said. "There was too much pressure from the other people."

Some lenders have welcomed the idea of explaining to consumers exactly what they're getting, Lazerson said. Others, however, aren't

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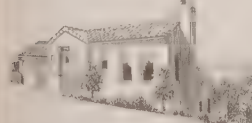
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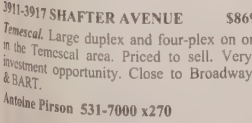
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901 HILLDALE AVENUE \$1,500,000
Berkeley. Beautifully built Mediterranean with view of G.G. & S.F. 5BD/4.5BA, great outside spaces, wonderful kitchen opens to family room with cathedral ceilings and skylights, guest suite & master suite.
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6837 ELVERTON DRIVE \$1,375,000
Montclair. New construction. Panoramic Bay, S.F. view. Gourmet kitchen/eating area and family room with oversized balcony. Luxurious master suite. Abundant use of stone, hardwood and hand forged iron work.
David Hennigan 531-7000 x229



3911-3917 SHAFTER AVENUE \$869,000
Temescal. Large duplex and four-plex on one lot in the Temescal area. Priced to sell. Very nice investment opportunity. Close to Broadway Ave & BART.
Antoine Pirson 531-7000 x270



4744 EL CENTRO AVENUE \$629,000
Glenview. Delightful 2BD/2BA home with remodeled kitchen & baths. Master bedroom opens to charming yard. Pretty Bay views. Garage & partial basement. Abundant storage. Wonderful Upper Glenview neighborhood.
Chris or Nancy 531-7000 x254

330 SANTA CLARA AVENUE \$599,000
Grand Lake. New listing! Close to Grand and Piedmont Avenue, two bedrooms, one updated bath, large living room and formal dining room with beam ceiling, kitchen opens to deck and backyard, large basement area, two-car detached garage. Fresh inside paint and new carpet.
Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242



689 WALAVISTA AVENUE \$629,000
Crocker. Two plus bedroom, one and a half baths, large yard, formal dining room, living room with fireplace.
Jeff Hilgert 531-7000 x214



2446 SAN JOSE AVENUE \$499,000
Alameda. A treat! Bewitching cottage w/coved ceilings, hardwood floors. Two bedrooms, formal dining room, modernized bath and kitchen. Side yard. Ample basement & storage.
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



3269 WYMAN STREET \$479,000
Maxwell Park. Sunny & charming 3BD/1BA, living room w/view of hills, formal dining rm. Refin. Hwd flrs., gorgeous new kitchen w/granite & tile, updated tile bath, private yard w/patio.
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



5420 PRINCETON \$459,000
Oakland. Beautiful Victorian Duplex, 2BD/1BA and 1+BD/1BA. Fireplace, hardwood floors, huge bonus room, large yard, detached garage with plenty of off street parking.
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877 SYBIL \$438,000
San Leandro. Adorable 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom Ranch style home. Spacious liv. rm. with fireplace, dining area, large kitchen and laundry room. Huge backyard, detached double garage. Delightful front yard, fresh paint in and out. Pest report available.
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Nancy Novick 531-7000 x254

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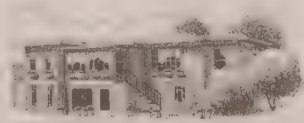
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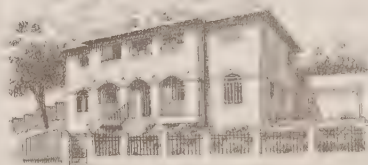


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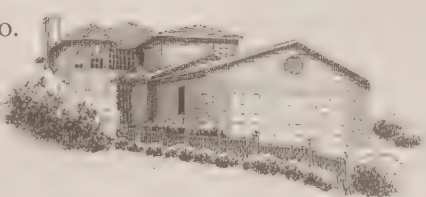
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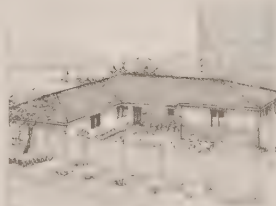
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Joan Underwood

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Richmond Annex \$419,000
Stylish 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in a great neighborhood close to shops & transportation. Corner location, formal living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, beautiful plank floors in living & dining. Detached garage. No TLC.

5734 Columbia Ave.
Joan Underwood

Open Sun 1-4



Richmond \$439,000
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 story architect designed home built in 2001. Features open floor plan with hardwood floors, tile kitchen & baths, stainless steel appliances, warm colors & lots of windows for plenty of light. Low front & rear yard with deck and patio. Best Richmond North & East location. Quiet, friendly neighborhood.

880 31st Street
Meridee Carter

Open Sun 1-4

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PIEDMONT LISTINGS

Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

LITTLEWOOD DRIVE
5+ bedroom, 4 bath,
extensively renovated, main
living on one level.
Offered at **\$1,885,000**

75 GLEN ALPINE
Pending Sale
Offered at **\$5,785,000**

Shown by Appointment

127 WILDWOOD GARDENS
4+ bedroom, remodeled
kitchen, exceptional setting &
property.
Offered at **\$2,750,000**



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A sampling of our current listings:

Mission
Media Gulch gem. Two vacant
Victorian flats. Top floor 3 br, 1 ba.
First floor 1 br, 1 ba. Many period details
Huge south facing rear yard and 1-car
garage.
\$1,000,000

Nicasio
Nestled in a secluded woodland setting
this 3 br, 2 ba home sits on a 5-acre lot.
No expense was spared on this
custom-built home with pool and separate
garage.
\$1,195,000

South San Francisco
Beautiful corner home in the Brentwood
area. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, dining room
eat-in kitchen with Viking stove and hood.
Large lot with spacious deck and
landscaped rear yard.
\$599,000



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Jim Hedges

415-762-9395

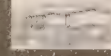


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2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Offered at **\$825,000**

Dramatic Mid-Century Main House
with LR, DR, 2BR, 1BA + 2 large
decks with fantastic views of S.F.,
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elementary school!

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BY APPOINTMENT



Piedmont
26 Littlewood Dr.
BR 2.5 BA Classic traditional w/the
presence of a European villa. Privacy,
great location, remodeled kitchen,
family room, 3 fireplaces, study.
Dian Hymer
510.339.4700

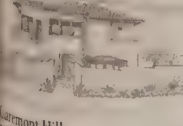


Oakland
150 Pearl St.
BR 1.3 BA Fantastic Bay views from this
remodeled, light-filled Mediterranean in
the El Cerrito hills.
Kim & Barbara Marienthal
510.486.1495

OPEN HOUSES



Piedmont
1079 Ashmount Ave.
BR 2.5 BA Dramatic interior.
Remodeled living in this updated
contemporary. A special home.
Lynn Lum & Carol Brown
510.339.4700

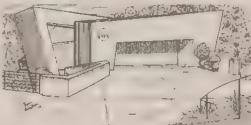


Glenview
1000 Hollywood Ave.
BR 2.5 BA Phil Perkins design beautiful
construction, gourmet kit, level
great great master.
Diane Eckert & Ellen Lancaster
510.339.4700

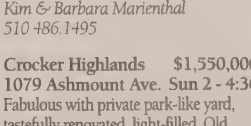
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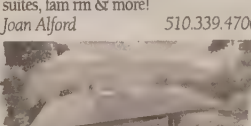
Piedmont
264 Sheridan Rd.
BR 3.5 BA Open flr plan, gran cnts,
quality materials & craftsmanship used.
3 lvs w/bay views.
Joan Duffield
510.339.4700



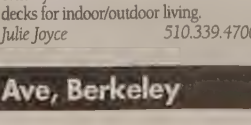
Oakland
6343 Skyline Blvd.
BR 4 BR 3.5 BA Open flr plan, gran cnts,
quality materials & craftsmanship used.
3 lvs w/bay views.
Kim & Barbara Marienthal
510.486.1495



Crocker Highlands
1079 Ashmount Ave.
BR 2 - 4:30
Fabulous with private park-like yard,
tastefully renovated, light-filled, Old
World charm.
Dian Hymer
510.339.4700



Upper Rockridge
264 Sheridan Rd.
BR 2 - 4:30
6 BR 4 BA Fantastic house w/flexible
spaces. Mstr BR w/den & 2-way FP 2 jr
suites, fam rm & more!
Joan Alford
510.339.4700



Oakmore (Upper)
1980 Rosecrest Dr.
BR 1 - 5
4 BR 4 BA Fab. Architecture-mid-
century modern w/den & office. Great
decks for indoor/outdoor living.
Julie Joyce
510.339.4700

OPEN HOUSES

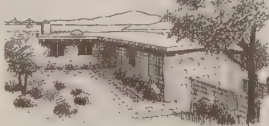
Oakland Hills
4700 Shetland
BR 2 - 4:30
4 BR 4.5 BA Huge price reduction same
great house New constr. Fab quality
gourmet kit, lavish mstr suite.
David Echert
510.339.4700

Piedmont
30 Echo Lane@Maxwelton
BR 2 - 4:30
Bonus & family rooms. Sparkling Bay
views, serene hillside ambience with
Piedmont schools!
Vicky Faulk
510.339.4700

Richmond (Outer)
601-603 35th Ave.
BR 1 - 4
Spacious art deco duplex, both units are
2BR/1BA with formal dining room &
fireplace.
Antonia "Nomi" Robinson
510.339.4700

Rockridge
50 Reata Place
BR 2 - 5
3 BR 2.5 BA Stylish split level hm. on
huge mostly level lot. Sunny kit
w/adjoining fam rm + rump rm.
George Karsant
510.339.4700

Montclair
6641 Woodland Pl.
BR 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Big Bay View! 1 level living!
HWE FP, 2 car garage, lawn/fruit trees.
Ruby Ng
510.339.4700



Glenview
1000 Hollywood Ave.
BR 2 - 4:30
Gracious 5/3+, elegant flml rm, library,
updated kitchen, au pair, lovely arch
detail & yd.
Dan Joy
510.339.4700

Oakland
619 El Dorado
BR 1 - 4:30
3+ BR 1.5BA Brown Shingle here Old
World charm & details meet the 21st
Century. New kitchen & baths!
Donna Conroy
510.339.4700

Berkeley
1712 California St.
BR 1 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Steps away from BART, pvt
garden w/hot tub, remod kitch & BA,
gas frplc, partial basement.
Catherine Varnau
510.486.1495

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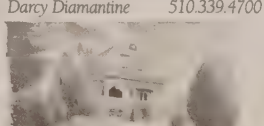


Rockridge
5355 Thomas
BR 2 - 5
4 BR 2 BA The perfect combination of
Rockridge charm, location & space. Big
kitchen, level yard.
Terry Kulka
510.339.4700



Montclair
6164 Bullard Dr.
BR 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA Updated contemp. Stainless
steel app. in kit. Red oak flrs & mulek
radiant heating system.
Preston Grant
510.339.4700

Montclair
1736 Gouldin Rd.
BR 2 - 4:30
2+ BR 2 BA Spacious & light filled
w/open floor plan. Updated kitchen &
baths. Family rm.
Darcy Diamantine
510.339.4700



Oakland
619 El Dorado
BR 1 - 4:30
3+ BR 1.5BA Brown Shingle here Old
World charm & details meet the 21st
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BR 1 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Steps away from BART, pvt
garden w/hot tub, remod kitch & BA,
gas frplc, partial basement.
Catherine Varnau
510.486.1495

OPEN HOUSES

Lincoln Heights
4031 Lincoln Ave.
BR 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious 3BR/2.5BA condo
w/townhouse feel. New HWE deck, dp
windows, garage.
Adele Wong & Victor Ratto
510.339.4700

Oakland
457 Burlwood Ave.
BR 1 - 4
5 BR 2.5 BA Open living area, updt &
clean. Single level, great for big family.
Brookfield Village.
Laura Arechiga
510.486.1495

Oakland
150 Pearl St. 324
BR 2 - 4
1 BR 1 BA Adams Point. Sunny top-flr
condo! Fully updt unit in popular area.
Gorgeous!
Bobbie Giarratana
510.486.1495

Richmond
5919 Van Fleet
BR 2 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Fantastic home awaits total
remodel. Hdwd flrs & approx. 5000 sq. ft.
garden w/fruit trees.
Sally Hendrickson
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LOTS

San Pablo
Lot w/views!
Enjoy nearly one acre in San
Pablo Hills/extraordinary views of the Bay
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STAGING

You can earn an Accredited Staging Professional Designation with Master Trainer Barb Schwarz. Schwarz is the creator of Staging, a process used to help prepare a home for sale. Upcoming classes are in Berkeley and Concord. The two-day training includes classroom instruction and an on-site Home Staging field trip. Ask about DRE credits. Call for dates and tuition information at 800-392-7161.

PMN

The Women's Council of Realtors offers a new designation designed to focus on the most current topics driving the marketplace. It

provides real-world tools and skills to today's practitioners. The Performance Management Network (PMN) designation replaces and updates WCR's LTG designation. It is earned through courses in negotiation, networking and referrals. It also includes organizational and personal performance management and cultural differences. Special exemptions are in place for LTG designees. Get course information at designation@wcr.org.

WHO?

■ Bay area Realtor Bob "BC" Cross, the car properties sales specialist has joined RE/Max Executive. Car properties are homes with storage for four motor vehicles or more. Visit him at www.carproperties.com.

■ One of the fastest growing companies in the Bay Area according to the SF Business Times is Olympia Funding. The mortgage company boasts offices in 45 states, 17 in California. Founder and CEO Bill Hogarty speaks on successful business strategies throughout the country. Details are available at ofloan.com.

WHAT?

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TUESDAY, 12 Noon

Open Home Guide
WEDNESDAY, 12 Noon

Sheri Madden presents

New Listing!

Open Sunday October 31 2:00-4:30



152 York Avenue • Kensington

Regal 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home with beautiful architectural details, glorious views, and wonderful floor plan. Lower level with kitchenette and separate entrance could be guest quarters or family room. Convenient to Kensington Village shops. Perfectly sited at the end of a cul-de-sac.

\$840,000

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1511 Grant Street, Berkeley

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2:00-5:00 p.m.
5 BR, 2 Baths, 1 BA
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5 bedrooms 2 baths plus generous sized 1 bedroom apartment. Easily accessible large attic with an office. A view. Basement laundry, workshop and storage. Level back yard for gardening & play. Minutes from Shattuck cafes, shops and restaurants.

Offered at: \$790,000

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Offered at \$1,200,000

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Also learn techniques like papering and flashing. During the two-hour seminar, experts from Andersen and Tyvek Weatherization Systems will also be available to answer questions.

Presented by: Andersen Windows & Doors and Tyvek Weatherization Systems

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Location: 1817 Second Street (Truitt and White Conference Room)

Cost: Free

Registration: Required

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4101 HOWE ST. #110, OAKLAND JUST LISTED



Adorable Piedmont Ave. 2BD Condo

This end unit, unique condo opens out to a lush garden courtyard. The kitchen was just tastefully remodeled, open with an island and new appliances. Close to restaurants, library, public transportation and two blocks to Peet's Coffee!

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BERKELEY \$1,149,000
Stunning home in the hills with incredible bay views. Mostly level driveway. Two master suites. Gourmet kitchen with center isle. New hardwood floor. Covered decks and fence.

Kathy Wang

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CLAREMONT HILLS / HILLER AREA



6822 CHARING CROSS OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$799,000
Bright 3+ bedroom, 2 1/2 bath contemporary with bay/canyon views. New oak hardwood floors, carpeting & interior paint. Large kitchen with island. Seeing is believing—come inside and see!

Deb Riney

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Opportunity knocks in Upper Rockridge! 2 BR Mediterranean Golden Gate views. Needs enhancement. Fireplace, formal living room. Your touches will make a GEM amidst million dollar homes.

Mark Miller

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PIEDMONT AVE.



PIEDMONT AVE. \$599,000
1909 shingled cottage with large work space in bsmt. 2 bedrooms, poss. 3rd, orig. charm, fenced yard & garden. No need to drive: Close to BART, bus, and shopping—bring your bicycle!

Lois Johnson

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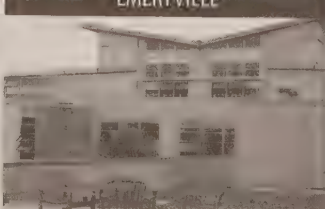


4221 FRAN WAY OPEN SUN 2-4PM \$485,000
Lovely family home on tree-lined street, 3 BR / 2 BA plus family room. Remodeled kitchen. Large fenced yard. 2-car garage with interior access.

Mary Hanna

(510) 339-8900

EMERYVILLE



EMERYVILLE \$409,000
Located in the historic David Baker warehouse conversion building, this 1 BR / 1 BA corner unit has sunshine, pizzazz, deeded parking, industrial interior and more!

Miriam Wilson

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MAXWELL PARK



3131 COURTLAND AVE OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM
Fixer w/ Beau Coup possibilities! 3 BR / 1.5 BA main house, 1 BA creek-side rear cottage. A unique home formerly a farmstead. The surrounding neighborhood had orchards. Still has the heart of Freddie Dixon.

Cindy Boze

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Distinguished Home of the Week • Hiller Highlands

30 Starview Dr.

Open Sun 2-4:30PM



\$949,000

Glorious unobstructed panoramic bay view from both levels. Upgraded downslope unit. Vaulted ceilings, 2 fireplaces, outdoor atrium. Built-in B & O stereo system included. Security gate at entry. Stunning home!

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JUST LISTED



**Coming Sunday
November 7th**

Built in 1905, this beautiful, light-filled home is full of charm. Gorgeous wood floors grace the entire 2+ bedroom/1.5 bath floor plan. Vintage touches abound, from pocket doors and leaded glass windows to original and antique-style light fixtures. The eat-in kitchen is complete with a Wedgewood stove. Formal dining room and parlor/living room with fireplace complete the picture. A detached studio, large attic and under stairs nook all add to the versatility of this lovingly maintained residence.

2903 Wheeler, Berkeley
Offered at \$579,000

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Open Sunday 2-4 2865 Santa Clara Avenue



This beautiful, 1931 custom Spanish home in Alameda's desirable East End, has five bedrooms and two bathrooms. On the main level of the home are two bedrooms and one bathroom. The separate formal dining and living rooms are spacious and well suited for entertaining, while the large eat-in kitchen is perfect for the culinary enthusiast!

Three spacious bedrooms and a bathroom await you on the upper level. Original tiles in the bathroom have been lovingly maintained. All rooms are infused with natural light.

With its lovely exterior and lush garden, behind the main house is a garden with an enchanted garden...

\$869,000

Dania Alvarez-Morroni

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Chickens in Maxwell Park?

JUST LISTED 2877 Morcom Ave.



This 3BD/2BA charming bungalow has a stunning new master suite and a huge backyard with chicken coop. Other features incl. oak floors, period fireplace, built-ins. A large eat-in kitchen with walk-in pantry/laundry room. Foundation replaced and retrofitted. All of this and sweeping Oakland Hills and City lights views.

Offered at \$489,000



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Piedmont's Best Buy! \$769,000
Charming 3BR/2BA home. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, large kitchen, garage.
Lois Harris (510) 428-0900



OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$665,000
3941 Whittle, Oakland. 4BR/2+BA, love with a white picket fence.
Lois Harris (510) 834-2010



OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$629,000
1636 Berkeley Way, Berkeley. Duplex! House plus cottage, close to UCB, BART.
(510) 868-1400

Piedmont
Piedmont Location \$990,000
Charming, spacious 4+BR/2BA home with details plus upgrades.
Carol Arnold (510) 339-9290

Oakland
OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$489,000
2877 Morcom. 3BR/2BA beauty. New master suite, huge yard, Craftsman.
Lisa Friedman (510) 339-9290

Oakland
OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,199,000
1517 Ocean View. Stately 4BR/2.5BA in fashionable neighborhood.
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

Great Bay+City View \$485,000
Huge redwood deck, hardwood floors, fireplace, huge landscaped backyard.
2BR/1BA.
Desiray R. McFall (510) 909-6871

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$1,100,000
255 3rd St. #312. Great penthouse, 3BR/2BA, custom design from Berkeley Hills.
Anna Bredikhina (510) 868-1558

OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$419,000
4101 Howe St. #110. Stunning 2BR Piedmont Avenue condo with view of garden.
Lisa Friedman (510) 986-9547

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$955,000
1657 Proctor. Price reduced! Flexible 3BR/2.5BA floorplan with views and elegance.
Anne O'Shea (510) 339-9290

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$399,000
3801 Keller. 2BR/1BA, cute fixer, large lot. Loads of potential.
Andrea Arata (510) 845-0211

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$669,000
470 Boulevard Way. On Piedmont border. 4+BR/1.5BA. 2191 sq. ft. Great yard.
Herman Luna (510) 428-0900

OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$349,000
4099 Howe #102. Cozy 2+BR/1BA condo, veranda, security package, block to Piedmont Avenue.
Bryan Salomone (510) 428-0900

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$569,000
550 - 61st Street. Charming, spacious, 3BR/2+BA with beautiful hardwood floors.
Carmelo Bobo (510) 339-9290

OPEN Sunday 1-4 \$459,000
1615 - 10th. 2BR/1BA, charming cottage near BART.
Jim Hart (510) 918-4706

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$525,000
4444 Newell Avenue, China Hill. 3BR/1BA, fully Craftsman.
Christelle Lanier-Green (510) 834-2010

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$655,000
403 Fieldstone. Beautiful 3 years new 4BR/2.5BA. Nice & huge yard.
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Richmond

Richmond Hills \$495,000
Clean 3BR/2BA, fireplace in living room, large deck, panoramic view.
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Novato

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$509,000
98 Gann Way. 2BR/2.5BA, beautiful & quiet. Hamilton Park.
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Eric N. Silverman (510) 428-0900

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COMPANY	Loan Product Rate/Points APR/Lock	Loan Product Rate/Points APR/Lock	Loan Product Rate/Points APR/Lock	Loan Product Rate/Points APR/Lock	Loan Product Rate/Points APR/Lock	COMMENTS	COMMENTS
Mortgage Market	30-yr Fixed 5.375...0.000 DRE# 00887562 Fees=\$1876	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.718...30	15-yr Fixed 4.875...0.000 5.028...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.500...0.000 3.911...30		Great Purchase, Refinance, Construction/Home Equity, 100% LTV Loans Great service, Over 25 years in Business	
Mortgage World	30-yr Fixed 5.250...1.000 DRE# 01360138 Fees=\$1959	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.250...1.000 5.388...30	1-yr ARM 3.125...0.000 3.227...30	Commercial ARM, MIXED call...SBA		*5 yr prepay 720+ floo 500K max; bad credit ok to 107%; No m/casse/job loans SE HABLA ESPANOL NO COST HOME EQUITY	
Northern Mutual Corp.	30-yr Fixed call... DRE# 01243581 Fees=\$2348	30-yr Fxd Jumbo call... 5.625...30	6 month ARM call... 5.625...30			WOW!! NO ADD-ON FOR JUMBO LOANS! No-Point loans are avail! *3yr pp 80% LTV E-mail Steve@northernmutual.com	
Pacific West Financial	30-yr Fixed 5.500...0.000 DRE# 01124581 Fees=\$1694	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.669...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.500...0.000 4.541...30	3/1 ARM 4.000...0.000 4.094...30		Se Habla Espanol/No Doc Loans 103% purchase/Credit problems OK Interest Only Loans/BK OK	
Premier Mortgage Group	30-yr Fixed 5.375...0.250 DRE# 01103986 Fees=\$1992	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.522...30	3/1 ARM 3.625...0.000 3.643...30	5/1 ARM 4.250...0.000 3.880...30		www.pmgmortgage.com Purchase specialist-we get loans closed! Great Jumbo & Interest Only programs	
Saratoga Bancorp	30-yr Fixed 5.500...0.000 DRE# 01220326 Fees=\$1893	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.750...0.000 5.774...45	15-yr Fixed 5.000...0.000 5.098...45	5/1 ARM 4.500...0.000 4.732...45		Good or Bad Credit. Cash in 7 days! No Income Check Loans! 1st or 2nd Mortgage Purh/Refi to 100%, saratogabancorp.com	
Washington Mutual Bank	30-yr Fixed call... DRE# 011149 Fees=\$1149	30-yr Fxd Jumbo call... 6.000...0.000	3/1 ARM call... 4.500...0.000	5/1 ARM call... 5.250...0.000		Purchase: Can close in 5 days/no points Complimentary pre-approval/no cost Aval 7 days a week, including evenings	
Wells Fargo Home Mtge.	30-yr Fixed call... DRE# 01361704 Fees=\$1889	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.000...0.000 6.104...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.500...0.000 4.537...30	10/1 ARM Jumbo 5.250...0.000 5.288...30		100% to 1 ML Free Pre Approval Credit Lines to 3 ML * Purchase loan	
A Superior Mortgage	30-yr Fixed 5.375...0.000 DRE# 01361704 Fees=\$1889	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.790...30	15-yr Fixed 4.750...0.000 4.840...30	5/1 ARM 4.500...0.000 4.590...30		Open weekends. Credit problems OK "Apply online" www.superior-mtg.net	
AAA Mortgage	30-yr Fixed 5.250...0.250 DRE# 01086146 Fees=\$1695	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.310...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.375...0.000 4.410...30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 3.875...0.000 3.930...30		OPEN WEEKENDS-LOCK YOUR RATE TODAY! LOWER PAYMENTS W/INT ONLY+4.25% FEE GET PRE-APPROVED OVER THE PHONE IN 5 MIN	
AlmLoan.com	30-yr Fixed 5.375...0.125 DRE# 01142426 Fees=\$2400	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.250 5.480...30	15-yr Fixed 4.625...0.375 4.804...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.625...0.000 4.839...30		Apply and lock online 24/7. Open Sat. and Sun. from 9am til 2pm Rates and Fees Posted Online Daily	
Amerisave Mortgage Corp.	30-yr Fixed 5.375...0.000 DRE# 0038592 Fees=\$1223	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.408...30	3/1 ARM 3.625...0.000 3.711...30	5/1 ARM 4.250...0.000 4.758...30		*APR includes bank fee, 745 FICO www.amerisave.com. Best rates and lowest fees guaranteed or we pay you \$300	
Bay Area Funding	30-yr Fixed 5.375...1.000 DRE# 009462 Fees=\$2316	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.600...1.000 5.563...35	1st Time Buyer 30 4.445...30	1st Time Buyer 5/1 3.250...1.500 3.434...30		*1st Time BUYER \$100 LOWEST PMT GUARANTEE *1st Time BUYER 30 YR. FIX after Fed Subsidy. Income & price limits 100%OK	
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Cal First Lending	30-yr Fixed 5.375...0.000 DRE# 01316954 Fees=\$1623	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.449...30	15-yr Fixed 4.750...0.000 4.822...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.250...1.500 4.405...30		FAST APPROVAL. RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BAD CREDIT & BANKRUPTCY OK. OPEN EVENING & WEEKENDS. Call 877-414-6268	
Cal-State Funding	30-yr Fixed 5.500...0.000 DRE# 00874441 Fees=\$2010	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.750...0.000 5.540...30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4.375...0.000 4.790...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.625...0.000 4.660...30		We can FUND your loan. Rates change fast Call for latest rates. Ask about our INTEREST ONLY Loans	
CMG Mortgage Services	30-yr Fixed 5.125...1.375 DRE# 01370765 Fees=\$1433	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.375...1.375 5.311...30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4.375...1.500 3.898...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.250...1.250 4.381...30		OPEN SAT/SUN STATED OR NO INCOME LOANS AVAILABLE CREDIT PROBLEMS OK NO FEES NO POINTS LOANS AVAILABLE	
Countrywide Home Loans	30-yr Fixed call... DRE# 00874441 Fees=\$2010	30-yr Fxd Jumbo call... 5.625...30	10/1 ARM Jumbo call... 4.445...30	12 Mo Fxd Pay I/O call... 4.445...30		10 DAY GUARANTEE CLOSING ON PURCHASES 100% FINANCING. LESS PAPERWORK FREE PRE-APPROVAL FOR PURCHASES	
Custom Mtge Solutions	30-yr Fixed 4.875...0.000 DRE# 0038694 Fees=\$1170	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.375...1.000 5.030...35	15-yr Fixed 4.250...2.000 4.540...35	COOI 30 yr ARM** 4.250...0.000 3.940...60		90% LTV in Bankruptcy! *No DOC to 51M. *Loans for A-B-C-D Credit. 100% Purchase *Loans to \$4 Mil. *Ppt. neg. amort.	
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First Blackhawk Financial	30-yr Fixed 5.500...0.000 DRE# 01144055 Fees=\$1986	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.750...0.000 5.590...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.625...0.000 4.662...30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4.250...0.000 4.288...30		JUMBO AND SUPER JUMBO SPECIALIST more rates at mayrightell.com Call 7 days wk mltg@tstblackhawk.com	
Golden Gate Home Loans	30-yr Fixed 5.375...0.000 DRE# 005272 Fees=\$1946	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625...0.000 5.442...30	15-yr Fixed 4.750...0.000 5.711...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.375...0.000 4.449...30		100% financing. No Income Verification!! 100% non-owner, const. loans, lot loans! open 8:00A.M.-5:00P.M. 7-days a week!!!	
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Matrix Investment Corp.	30-yr Fixed 4.875...1.625 DRE# 0130418 Fees=\$1831	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.375...1.880 5.080...30	15-yr Fixed 4.250...1.500 4.464...30	5/1 ARM 2.875...0.000 4.775...30		Bad Credit, Brokers, Commercial Loans Welcome! www.matrixinvestcorp.com	

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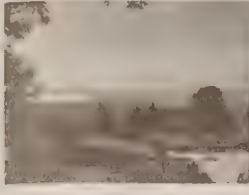

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MONTCLAIR \$995,000 (Open 2-4:30)
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CLAREMONT PINES \$749,000
5634 GLENBROOK DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Stunning architect-designed, 2+BR/2BA all level, mid-century modern w/open floor plan, vaulted ceiling, hardwood floors, walls of glass, beautiful fireplace. Master suite w/adjacent study. 2-car garage, abundant storage. Donna DeBardi x1374

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MONTCLAIR \$699,000 (Open 2-4:30)
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$689,000 (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 3BR/1.5BA on a large lot with hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen & 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303

OAKLAND HILLS \$659,000 (Open 2-5)
Wonderful, all-level home in Parkridge Estates. 3BR/2BA, updated kitchen, family room, & parklands view. Close to Parks & trails. Vicki Woodhead x1334

LAKE SHORE \$649,000 (Open 2-4:30)
1924 Traditional 3BR/1.5BA w/formal dining, eat-in kitchen, deep garden & detached office/bonus room. Near shops, restaurants & transportation. Michelle Miller x1335

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LAUREL \$589,000 (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Lovely 3BR, 2BA home recently upgraded and remodeled. Bay views from living room, dining room & kitchen. Private woody rear yard. Great gardening opportunities. Lee Jacobson x1309

GLENVIEW \$559,000 (Open 2-4:30)
Glenview duplex vacant and ready for new owners. One 1BR/1BA, the other 2BR/1.5BA. Large backyard. Newly painted inside and out. Kathy Flynn x1317

KENSINGTON \$559,000 (Open 2-4:30)
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New Listing! Charming 2+BR/2BA 1938 Traditional w/gorgeous views. Plus room, fresh paint, refinished floors, living room w/cathedral ceiling, & great brick fireplace. Joan Dark x1316

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Sunny, immaculate 2BR/1BA all level home. Gleaming hardwood floors, spacious rooms, charming kitchen, patio & attached garage. Diane E. McCAN x1352

By Appointment

BERKELEY \$2,950,000
Stunning 4+BR/4BA contemporary in spectacular setting. Extensively remodeled. Floor to ceiling windows. A work of art! Nancy Noman x1373

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,850,000
Trophy estate in Claremont Pines. Stately Normandy, charming guest cottage, beautiful conservatory surrounded by gated grounds. View of S.E. & the bay. 4+BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

ROCKRIDGE \$869,000
Charming Tudor in lovely setting w/ fantastic large level yard with brick patio & beautiful landscaping. Close to BART, College Ave. shops & restaurants. 3BR/1BA, formal dining, spacious eat-in kitchen. Jim Duffy x1326

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This elegant 1924 Prairie style home combines fine period details and wonderful upgrades, including a gorgeous kitchen, new garden studio & garage. 3BR/1BA. Gini Erck x1339

MONTCLAIR \$698,000
Ultra charming Mediterranean w/beautiful Bay views & large terraced yard. Updated kitchen, fam rm/office, 2+BR/2BA. Ann Nichols x1319

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Tastefully remodeled 3BR/2.5BA townhouse on cul-de-sac. Eat-in kitchen, level out to lovely garden. 2 car garage w/interior access. Easy access to Regional Park. Robyn Mohr x1310

OAKLAND HILLS LOT \$490,000
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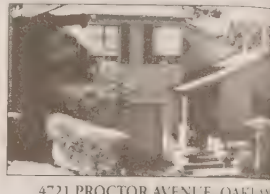
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\$365,000	6725 Avenal	2bd/1ba	
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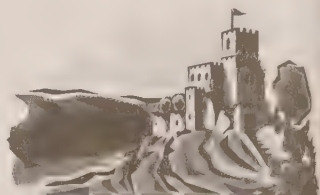
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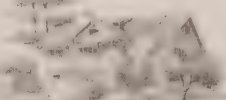
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

School	Record	Comment
Pittsburg	7-0	Third-quarter outburst gives Pirates 41-0 win over Liberty
Amador Valley	7-0	Dons hammer San Leandro, face Livermore next
De La Salle	2-3-2	Injuries, inconsistent efforts have plagued Spartans
San Ramon Valley	6-1	Wolves enjoy their first win over Foothill since 1990
Monte Vista	5-2	Mustangs dispatch Livermore schools, take on Foothill on Friday
Foothill	6-1	Needs a win vs. Monte Vista to stay alive in EBAL title chase
Campolindo	6-1	Will try to end 14-game losing streak to Miramonte on Friday
McClymonds	4-3	Trounces Castlemont 49-7, might not be tested rest of regular season
St. Mary's	4-3	Rebounds from loss to McClymonds to hammer Fremont-Oakland
John Swett	7-0	Indians win three straight road games, come home to play Albany on Friday

Other receiving votes: De Anza (3-4). The high school football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools.

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

De Anza redeems itself vs. Berkeley

Dons defense puts clamps on the potent attack of Yellow Jackets

By Robert Jordan

THE DE ANZA HIGH SCHOOL football team unloaded four years' worth of frustration on Berkeley last Friday with a 24-7 win over the host Yellow Jackets. After being outscored by Berkeley 100-43 in the previous two meetings — the teams did not play in 2001 — the Dons seized the favor by holding Berkeley to seven points and a puny 171 yards of offense.

Even more impressive was De Anza's defense in the second half.

Not only did the Dons shut out the Yellow Jackets after halftime, but they also held Berkeley to 42 yards of total offense and four first downs.

"I felt good to finally get Berkeley," said De Anza coach George Pye, who last beat Berkeley as a Dons player in 1984. "I live in Berkeley, so I have to hear it from my students."

De Anza's coach for the last 14 years, Pye can thank his defense for his new-found bragging rights.

Led by seniors John Smith and Cole James, the Dons (3-4, 1st in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) shut down an offense that had scored 195 points in the previous four games — all wins.

"It was our physical play," said Cole, who starts at inside linebacker. "We came out and hit them. Most of the time we were the first hit."

De Anza's defense starts strong, and, according to Pye, has been the strength of the team the entire season. In the past two games, the Dons forced seven turnovers, including three against Berkeley.

Offensively, running back John Smith and quarterback Cole James — who played in the first game since breaking a leg against Cardinal Newman last Sept. 17 — led De Anza.

Donte Smith ran for 146 yards on 17 carries, including three touchdowns, and Alex Smith completed 4 of 8 passes for 80 yards and no interceptions.

The Dons face a familiar foe when they host Hercules at home on Friday. Former coach Greg Ochs, who is now the Titans' offensive coordinator.

Berkeley was over Friday night, said Pye. "We are taking them very seriously. They have a lot of team speed and a good offense."

RUNNING TIME: The ACCAL boys cross country championships will take place at Point Pinole Regional Park in Richmond. The race will start at approximately 3:30 p.m. followed by the girls race at about 4 p.m.

The Alameda boys team has

See ACCAL, Page 2

■ El Cerrito resorts to the big play to overcome early deficit versus Richmond

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

In one play, Rico Washington changed the momentum of his team's Bay Shore Athletic League football game with visiting Albany on Saturday.

With 8:26 left in the game, Washington returned an interception 18 yards for the Panthers' only touchdown. David Pezzola converted the PAT kick, and that

was enough for a 7-6 Panthers victory.

"I was telling myself I was going to try to make a play for my team," Washington said. "I did what I had to do to contribute to the team."

It was Washington's second touchdown on an interception in the Panthers' last three games. The 5-foot-9, 165-pound junior returned a fourth-quarter interception 71 yards for a score in St. Mary's 22-14 win over American on Oct. 9.

"He's got a knack for getting around the football," St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson said.

The Panthers (3-4, 2-0 BSAL)

spoiled Albany coach Dan Shaughnessy's return to St. Mary's. It was his first time back as a head coach since he retired from St. Mary's after the 2000 season, his 16th straight at the school.

"We really had those guys knuckled under. I just called an ill-advised pass," Shaughnessy said.

On third-and-11 from the Albany 17, Cougars quarterback Drew Southern was under pressure from a blitzing Roland Jenkins. Washington caught Southern's throw near the left sideline

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MARK DUFFRENE/STAFF

SAPPHO SU helped Berkeley capture second place at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championships at Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield.

Berkeley golfer claims NCS berth



MARK DUFFRENE/STAFF
MICHELLE YIN nearly qualified for an NCS berth but lost in a playoff to De Anza's Cindy Caya.

■ Albany girls volleyball improves to 10-1 in BSAL after marathon match against St. Patrick

By Dave Carpenter and Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITERS

Berkeley High School's Amelia Kurachiae qualified for the North Coast Section girls golf championship by placing as one of the top three individuals at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championships Monday.

Kurachiae led the Yellow Jackets with a score of 109, which tied with Hercules' Janelle Tom for the second-best mark of the 18-hole competition at Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield. Encinal's Kim

PREP ROUNDUP

Conocono won the individual title with a score of 11-over 83.

Berkeley's team finished second overall with a score of 570. Besides Kurachiae, other Yellow Jackets scorers were Michelle Yin (110), Cyndee Bayless (111), Sappho Su (117) and Jamie Hiram (123).

Berkeley almost had another individual qualifier. De Anza's Cindy Caya and Yin were tied at 110, with Caya winning the tiebreaker on an unusual playoff on No. 9 in the dark. Instead of playing the entire hole, they putted to determine the winner. After playing to a tie three times, Caya won the hole on the fourth playoff for the final individual spot.

The North Coast Section championship is on Nov. 1 at Oakmont Golf Course in Santa Rosa.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Albany d. St. Patrick: The Cougars outlasted the Bruins 29-27, 24-26, 25-18, 21-25, 15-11 on Tuesday to improve their Bay Shore Athletic League record to 10-1.

The Cougars were paced by Azelyn Failor (20 kills, nine aces, 32 digs), Sacha Dent (47 assists, three aces, 13 digs), Arlene Sasse (11 kills, 41 digs, two aces, two blocks) and Jana Poole (12 kills, 23 digs, two aces, two blocks).

St. Mary's d. Holy Names: The Panthers remained undefeated in BSAL action with a 25-16, 25-17, 25-18 victory over the Monarchs on Tuesday. Natalie Bogan had seven kills and two

blocks for the Panthers (23-9, 11-0 BSAL), and teammate Tarah Murrey had nine kills and two aces. Brittney Murrey had seven kills and 13 assists for St. Mary's, and Bernie Leary had four kills and five digs for the Panthers.

GIRLS TENNIS

St. Mary's 7, Salesian 0: The Panthers improved to 10-2 in the BSAL with the shutout win over the Chieftains on Wednesday.

Christyn Richardson won the No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-1 over Keandra Thomas. The Panthers also defeated St. Patrick 5-2 on Tuesday.

Albany 6, John Swett 1: The Cougars improved to 7-4 in the BSAL after the victory Tuesday over the Indians. Albany's Yi Yi Lin won the No. 2 singles match 6-1, 6-0 over Edeline DeGuzman.

Piedmont running on all cylinders

■ Boys cross country team has to be considered the favorite at BSAL championships

By Dave Carpenter

STAFF WRITER

PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL'S boys cross country team many be the team to beat in the Bay Shore Athletic League, but St. Mary's coach Denis Mohun thinks he has a pretty good team, too.

"The goal is always to get individuals and the team to state," Mohun said. "Since it's a close team, they work hard and get along together."

The Panthers, 6-1 in BSAL meets, were narrowly defeated by the Highlanders (6-0) on Oct. 21 at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland (Piedmont's home course).

BSAL NOTEBOOK

However, Thursday's BSAL championships are at Point Pinole in Richmond. A different locale could make a difference for two teams that are not that far apart.

The meet is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Mohun said depending on how the course is laid out, it could be either 2.9 or an even three miles.

Freshman Matt Duffy has been the leader for St. Mary's. The Panthers top five usually run about 45 seconds apart, Mohun said.

In an Oct. 14 meet against St. Joseph Notre Dame and St. Patrick at Tilden Park, Duffy placed second overall with a time of 16 minutes, 19 seconds. The rest of St. Mary's top five were Robert Riccardi (16:50), Eugenio Borgeson (16:52), Er-

ick Berthaldan (17:05) and Tommy Vasquez (17:13).

St. Joseph's Neal Rodriguez won the meet in 15:59.

The Panthers beat the Pilots 20-39 and the Bruins 15-50.

On the girls side, senior Gabi Rios-Sotelo is the clear-cut No. 1 runner for St. Mary's. Even though Piedmont beat St. Mary's, Rios-Sotelo beat the Highlanders top two, sisters Jehan and Naomi Sparks.

Sotelo has qualified for the California Interscholastic Federation state championships three times but could not run last year due to an injury. She finished third in Division IV as a sophomore.

Senior Natasha Madison and freshman Sara Pennybaker round out the Panthers' top three, according to Mohun.

Rios-Sotelo has a good

See BSAL, Page 2

ON DECK

Prep girls volleyball

■ **Piedmont at St. Mary's**, 5 p.m. Tuesday — In the first league match between the two teams this year, St. Mary's won 25-13, 25-15, 25-16 on Sept. 28.

■ **Encinal at Berkeley**, approx. 5 p.m. Thursday — This is the second match between last year's co-ACCAL champs. On Oct. 12, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Jets 25-22, 26-24, 22-25, 25-22.

Prep boys and girls water polo

■ **ACCAL tournament**, today and Saturday at Contra Costa College — The girls championship match is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, and the boys championships match is slated for 12:15 p.m. Saturday.

Prep girls tennis

■ **BSAL championships**, at Harbor Bay Club, Alameda, Tuesday and Wednesday — Matches start at noon both days.

Stars of the week

■ **Rico Washington**, St. Mary's foot-

ball — Washington returned an interception 18 yards for the winning touchdown in the Panthers' 7-6 victory over Albany.

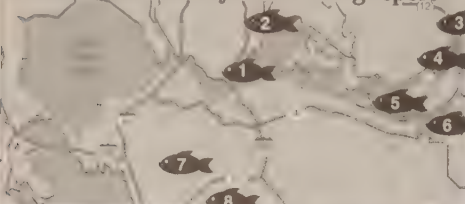
■ **Kaya Fitzgerald**, El Cerrito football — Fitzgerald caught two passes for 111 yards, both touchdowns, in the Gauchos' 38-9 victory over Richmond.

■ **Antwan Alameen**, Albany football — Alameen rushed for a game-high 97 yards in the Cougars' 7-6 loss to St. Mary's.

■ **Azelyn Failor**, Albany girls volleyball — Failor had 20 kills, 32 digs and nine aces in the Cougars' 29-27, 24-26, 25-18, 21-25, 15-11 victory over St. Patrick. She also had six kills in Albany's 25-10, 25-16, 25-11 victory over John Swett.

■ **Brittney Murrey**, St. Mary's girls volleyball — Murrey had seven kills and 13 assists in the Panthers' 25-16, 25-17, 25-18 victory over Holy Names. She also had 12 kills, 21 assists, five digs and four aces in St. Mary's 25-13, 21-25, 25-21, 25-13 win over St. Joseph.

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



1. Mothball Fleet — The east end is the place to be.

2. Montezuma Slough — One of a number of places to try for salmon.

3. Rio Vista — Has become a nice spot in the past week.

4. Decker Island — Still a few sturgeon in the area.

5. Sherman Island — Striper fishing is reaching its peak.

6. Big Break — Whole area is producing stripers.

7. San Pablo Reservoir — Trout, catfish, bass can be caught.

8. Lafayette Reservoir — Limits of trout are becoming more common.

FISHING REPORT

THE BAYS

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported another good week of fishing. Sturgeon are being found mainly at the east end of the Mothball Fleet with eel, grass shrimp and salmon roe in about 30-35 of water. The stripers are being caught off the Martinez shoreline/pier and the sandbar in the fleet with bullheads and anchovies in the shallows. Martinez's second annual sturgeon derby will be held Nov. 6-7.

Catching sturgeon were Mike Dvorak of San Leandro (51 inches, 24 pounds) at Grizzly Bay on eel, John Bajema of Pinole (61 pounds, 63 inches) at Buoy 6 on grass shrimp, Joe Capra of Castro Valley (two totaling 102 inches) in Grizzly Bay on salmon roe and Joe Fraga of San Pablo (50 inches, 27.2 pounds) at Buoy 2 on grass shrimp. Shawn Van Dyke of Martinez caught a limit of stripers totaling 51 inches on the Martinez shoreline with a bullhead and sardine. Jim Delbridge of Walnut Creek caught several stripers this week totaling 41 pounds, the biggest (40 inches) biting on a bullhead at the sandbar.

Catching stripers were Alfonso Morales (33 inches, 12.8 pounds) at the Martinez shoreline on a bullhead, Lloyd Novinger of Concord (6.5 pounds) at the sandbar with a bullhead and Greg Rodriguez of Concord, who caught a limit totaling 21 pounds at the sandbar with bullheads as well. Others were Mac Santos of San Jose (28.5 pounds) from the Martinez shoreline on a bullhead; Phillip Lees of Pacheco (24 inches, 2.7 pounds) at the Ozol pier on anchovies; and Frank Arnold of Pittsburg, who limited out with 27- and 28-inch stripers totaling 11.6 pounds at Garnet Point on bullheads. Bob Murbach of Martinez caught a 33-inch, 12.7-pound sturgeon at the Shell dock on a bullhead, Paul Borda of Concord caught 18.6 pounds of sturgeon at the sandbar on bullheads, and Dave Pellegrini of Concord caught 7.4 pounds of sturgeon at the bridge on bullheads.

Jim Smith took the Happy Hooker charter boat to the Carquinez Strait on Saturday and came home with 26 limits of bass up to 16 pounds and two halibut up to 19 pounds. Smith said the tides are getting bigger and the water a bit muddier, which should lead to better fishing in the days ahead.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fly fishing for rainbow trout is good. They are picking up a few steelhead. Working well are Micro Mayfly No. 16, egg patterns and glo bugs.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON: Portocarrero said limits of king salmon are being caught, with an average size of 10-25 pounds. There is the occasional 30-40 pound. Anglers are using Flatfish T-50s and T-55s, and bouncing roe. November and December should produce larger kings.

THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotcha! Bait and Tackle in Antioch said stripers can be had at Sherman Lake, Sherman Island, Antioch Bridge, West Island, Big Break, Bethel Island and Discovery Bay. Sturgeon can be found around Chain Island, Montezuma Slough and Decker Island, salmon are still around Vieira's Resort and can be had on Mepps No. 5 and spinner baits and catfish can be caught near Stockton, Orwood's Resort and Discovery Bay.

Catching stripers were Monte Gabriel (6.75 pounds), Ted Clinton (8.75 pounds), Don Maich Sr. (5.25 and 4.75 pounds), Don Maich Jr. (5.9, 6.75 and 8.79 pounds), Kyle Bruce (7.17 and 12.8 pounds), Al Moore (15.46 pounds) and Russ Pipkins (9.25 and 4.75 pounds). Other included Ken Williams (15.41 and 9.1 pounds), Dave Williams (6.5 pounds), Joshua Tolliver (2.25 pounds), Dave Dyer (13.3 and 14.75 pounds), Sean Rubin (6 and 3.5 pounds), David Minton (6 pounds), Henry Thai (30 and 3 pounds) C.J. and Michael Mills (5.5

pounds), Grumpy Kinnear (8.5 pounds), Daniel Esturlian (7 pounds) and Dave Fitzhugh (10.37 and 7.35 pounds).

Catching sturgeon were Bill Moore (64 pounds), Dennis Perry (45 pounds), Roy Sutton (25 pounds), Jay Evans (48 pounds), Wade Gomes (60 pounds), Manuel Misquez (54 pounds) and Bill Moore (119 pounds). Catching catfish were Art Snowden (7.56 pounds) and David Minton (2 pounds). George Osegueira caught a 15.5-pound salmon and a 7.55-pound black bass on wiggle warts at Jersey Island and Henry Thai caught a 43-pound pike on anchovies at Sherman Island.

Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista said sturgeon and sturgeon fishing has improved as the water temperature continues to cool. Anglers are using shad, live bullheads and mudsuckers for the stripers and ghost shrimp and grass shrimp for the sturgeon. Some places to try include Rio Vista Bridge, Cache Slough and Decker Island.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Bait fishing for trout is very good as limits continue to be taken. Try Farrell's Landing and the pines. Trolling for trout is good with a lot of fish on top. Try Clown and Firetiger Rapalas sizes 5 and 9 from the surface to 10 feet deep. The largest fall trout derby from San Pablo is a 6-pound, 12-ounce rainbow caught by Phil Whitcomb. Catfish action is fair. Try Big Point and the marina cove. Bass action is also fair. Try the coves and dock areas with crank bait. Louis Szekeres of El Sobrante caught a 7-pound, 4.8-ounce trout at the picnic area using a Rapala and Larry Hendrix of San Pablo caught a 15-pound, 8-ounce catfish at the marina cove using a liver.

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: Anglers reporting limits of trout caught their fish trolling around the island and around Indian Cove. Bait anglers are getting some fish along the eastern shore line using white Power Eggs and Rainbow PowerBait. Bass fishing is still going as anglers in boats are getting a few smallish bass at Alder Point and Coots Landing. The big ones are still out there, but this time of year you have to be really good or really lucky to get one. Two anglers on Friday caught and released 53 catfish up to 3 pounds. One was using mackerel and the other beef liver in Bass Cove. The largest were 13, 12.4 and 10.2 pounds.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The trout bite is picking up as the water temperature cools off. Trollers are having best luck using green and red flashers from the east cove to the Dam. Trout trolling has really picked up, with anglers saying the fish are practically jumping in the boat. Bass fishing is slowing down with the cooler weather. Still, there are reports of good action in Peninsula Cove using Rat-L-Traps, poppers and rubber worms.

Run-off from the recent storms has meant decent catfish action at Oak Point and South Cove. Some boaters have caught cats in Peninsula Cove and near the Dam. Try chicken livers or PowerBait's catfish bait in blood, fish or liver flavors.

LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: The current derby leader is Michael Davis of Livermore with a 7.495-pound rainbow trout that was caught near the dam using a silver and blue Kastmaster. Jeannie Hess landed a 6.35-pound rainbow in Heron Bay with a Rapala broken back in a baby rainbow pattern. Action is still going strong, with plastic being the anglers' choice of bait. Drop-shooting in the deeper areas along Swallow Bay and Heron Bay are producing nice fish.

Catfishing continues to be a good bet. Limits and near limits are being caught in all areas of the lake. Chicken liver, shrimp and anchovies are the top baits. Shore anglers are doing well, as are boat anglers who are willing to brave the mud and cold mornings.

— Curtis Pashelka

BERKELEY AT ALAMEDA

■ **WHERE:** Thompson Field, Walnut Street, between Clement and Buena Vista, Alameda

■ **WHEN:** 7 p.m. today

■ **RECORDS:** Berkeley 5-2, 3-1 ACCAL; Alameda 5-2, 3-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** Berkeley lost to De Anza 24-7, Alameda beat Hercules 54-34.

■ **FACTS:** The Yellow Jackets had three turnovers and were limited to 122 yards rushing by De Anza. The Hornets forced four turnovers against Hercules, which had 212 yards rushing.

Albany

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and sprinted into the end zone. Albany moved to the St. Mary's 30 on its last drive but could not gain any yardage on a fourth-and-11 run with 1:18 to go. Panthers quarterback Scott Tully knelt on three straight plays to end the game.

Under steady rain, the sloppy game had six turnovers, three per team. There were three fumbles in the first 6:27 of the game before the Cougars (2-4-1, 0-2 BSAL) took a 6-0 lead on a 2-yard Jermaine Slaughter run, but a two-point conversion run failed. Albany outgained St. Mary's 178-115 in the game.

"This was a very tough, hard-fought game," said Lawson. "Right now, we're riding the backs of our defense."

Albany's Antwan Alameen led all rushers with 97 yards. Donell Gaines paced St. Mary's with 79 yards rushing.

El Cerrito 38, Richmond 9: For a quarter and a half, it looked like Richmond would snap its 35-game losing streak.

But then, El Cerrito's big-play

ENCINAL AT EL CERRITO

■ **WHERE:** El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito

■ **WHEN:** 4:30 p.m. today

■ **RECORDS:** Encinal 3-4, 2-2 ACCAL; El Cerrito 4-3, 3-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** Encinal lost to Pinole Valley 30-6, El Cerrito beat Richmond 38-0.

■ **FACTS:** The Jets have been held scoreless in six of the last eight quarters they've played. The Gauchos have scored in four of the last eight quarters they've played but tallied 59 points in those four quarters.

offense woke up.

The Gauchos rallied from a 9-0 deficit, scoring 38 unanswered points to beat the host Oilers on Oct. 21.

El Cerrito had scoring plays of 31, 54, 40, 57, 33 and 60 yards to improve to 3-1 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League and drop Richmond to 0-4 in league action.

"My quarterback and I are finally finding our niche," said El Cerrito wideout Kaya Fitzgerald, who caught touchdown passes of 54 and 57 yards. "We are getting our timing down, and we are looking forward to the rest of the season."

Fitzgerald and quarterback Don Miguel Tutass hooked up twice in the second quarter, the first was a 54-yard strike midway through the quarter to pull El Cerrito (4-3 overall) ahead 12-9.

The duo connected again with 1:56 left before halftime to make the score 25-9.

Tutass finished 3-of-12 passing for 150 yards and also scored on a 31-yard run for the Gauchos' first points of the game.

"We have big-play potential," El Cerrito coach George Austin said. "People can't sit on us because we will go deep."

ST. MARY'S AT ST. PATRICK'S

■ **WHERE:** 1500 Benicia Road, Vallejo

■ **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. today

■ **RECORDS:** St. Mary's 3-4, 2-0 BSAL; St. Patrick's 5-2, 2-0

■ **LAST WEEK:** St. Mary's beat Albany 7-6, St. Patrick's beat Piedmont 44-20.

■ **FACTS:** Since opening the season 0-4, the Panthers have quietly run off three consecutive wins by a composite 30-19. All three wins came at home. The Bruins are coming off road wins over Albany and Piedmont and have yet to lose a game at home. Over their last five games, the Bruins have outscored opponents 44-20.

ALBANY AT JOHN SWETT

■ **WHERE:** John Swett High School, 1098 Pomona St., Ellettsburg

■ **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. today

■ **RECORDS:** Albany 2-4 BSAL; John Swett 7-0, 2-0

■ **LAST WEEK:** Albany beat Mary's 7-6, John Swett beat Kennedy 27-6.

■ **FACTS:** The Cougars have a total of eight turnovers in last two games. The Indians had 349 yards of rushing in their last two games.

the football in the end saw De Anza recover the touchback.

The Dons (3-4, 3-1) lead for good when Berkeley handed them an opportunity.

Berkeley quarterback Fogarty had his pass tipped 35-yard line, where brother, John Smith, was to intercept it. On the very play, Donte Smith ran through 22 yards for a touchdown, and De Anza was at the break.

Donte Smith ended the quarter, and the drama 64-yard burst to put De Anza at 18-7.

The final quarter saw new faces boost the Sophomore quarterback Mario Boyd started the quarter and jitters bubbled for 62 yards, including a touchdown that clinched the game.

Berkeley was shut down fense almost completely second half. The Yellow got only four first down, half time and gained only of total offense in the second

Staff writers Robert Jordan and Kibby Kleiman came to this roundup

BRIEFS

Dragon Baseball Camp

Bishop O'Dowd High School will be hosting their seventh annual Dragon Baseball Camp Jan. 8. Rain or shine. \$69. Registration available online at www.etsm.com/dragons. Registration deadline Jan. 6 at 5:00. 510-577-9100, ext. 227.

Cal Berkeley Come to College Day

Come to College Day for Women's Volleyball featuring Cal vs. USC game will be held Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at Haskins Pavilion at UC Berkeley campus. All youths ages 17-and-under and chaperones admitted free, provided completed roster sent in advance. Registration due by Nov. 2. szumsteg@yahoo.com.

St. Mary's basketball coaches clinic

St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley will be holding a coaches clinic for boys and girls grammar school and high school coaches Oct. 30 under direction of coaches Manny Nodar and Sean Dulan. \$15. 510-526-9242, ext. 437.

Adult volleyball exchange to Europe

Sports For Youth Foundation, Inc. is accepting applications for ages 21-and-over, who are accomplished high school or club players and good citizens, to take part in 2005 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tours. Tour will travel to London, Paris, Venice and Rome. Registration deadline Dec. 5. 425-255-8102, info@sportsforyouth.com or www.volleyballtours.com or info@sportsforyouth.com.

Junior volleyball exchange to Europe

Sports For Youth Foundation, Inc. is accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15-20, who are accomplished high school or club players and good citizens, to take part in 2005 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tours. Tour will travel to London, Paris, Venice and Rome. Registration deadline Dec. 5. 425-255-8102, info@sportsforyouth.com or www.volleyballtours.com.

AGSA Softball registration

Alameda Girls Softball Assoc. will be holding registration for spring season for ages 5-14 Nov. 9 and Dec. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Edison School at 2700 Buena Vista Ave. Mail-in registration forms available on Web site. www.alamedagsa.com.

Oakland Girls Softball registration

Oakland Girls Softball League will be holding registration for 7-and-under through 14-under divisions for 2005 spring season Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redwood Heights Recreation Center, Competitive and recreational play. www.ogsl.org.

Encinal seeks coaches

Encinal High School in Alameda is looking for boys junior varsity basketball and boys junior varsity soccer coaches. 510-521-4159 or jmariscal@alameda.k12.ca.us.

Cal lacrosse clinic

Cal Berkeley women's lacrosse team will be hosting developmental clinic Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and advanced clinic from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at Maxwell Turf Field. 510-643-4511, mbnoel@berkeley.edu or www.clbears.com.

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"We're young. A couple of kids have progressed over the year. The girls lost a couple good athletes (to graduation)."

MORE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The BSAL girls tennis championships are Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at Harbor Bay Club in Alameda.

Three-time singles champion Erin Young of St. Patrick is the favorite to win the title again. She is undefeated this

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season. **SOMETHING'S GOT TO GIVE:** St. Patrick's football team has scored 85 points in two BSAL games, including last week's 44-20 rout over Piedmont.

St. Patrick hosts St. Mary's at 7 p.m. in a battle of 2-teams.

St. Mary's has allowed six points in the BSAL. Albany 7-6 last Saturday

be a good runner," said Berkeley coach Dave Goodrich, but that will do better to improve, those things that can't tell people or coaches to do."

Kara Anderson, a sophomore, has been the No. 2 runner for the Yellow Jackets team. The Hornets girls' top two runners have been Vaja Shafer and Jessica.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this notebook

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"BEFORE SUNSET": A sequel to "Before Sunrise." Former lovers Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy) meet again after nine years apart and spend 80 minutes (the film is in real time) roaming the streets of Paris together. Richard Linklater's leanest, sparest film yet is also his best, most mature work. It challenges all the conventions of romantic movies, cutting out grand mis-understandings, nudity and sex. Instead this potent, very love story delves into the real and true emotions involved in experiencing desire as we age and gain responsibilities. Even the smart, sweet "Before Sunrise" seems slightly staid in comparison. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual

references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A

"BEING JULIA": Based on Somerset Maugham's novella "Theatre," this movie sets out to prove there's no people like show people. The story is set in London in 1938, where aging stage actress Julia Lambert (Annette Bening) enacts her revenge against everyone who has brought her low: Tom, her loutish lover; Michael, her philandering husband, who is sleeping with an ingenue hungry for a part; and the ingenue who is using both of Julia's men to get to Julia. — B. Newman. (R: some sexuality.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C+

"THE FINAL CUT": In this sci-fi drama, Robin Williams plays Alan Hakman, a cutter of "Rememory" movies made from data recorded on chips that wealthy parents can have implanted in their offspring to record their life experience. When they pass, a cutter downloads all the data and molds it into a pleasing, hourlong memorial movie. The plot takes a turn when, while cutting the Rememory of a probable pedophile, Hakman gets hung up on a clue to his own long-ago trauma. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, children in jeopardy, sex, language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C+

"THE FORGOTTEN": Fourteen months after her son's death in a plane crash, a woman (Julianne Moore) is still a wreck. Yet one day her husband, and her shrink (Gary Sinise), tell her the boy was just a figment of her imagination, launching a wild quest to prove her own sanity. She's joined by a man (Dominic West) whose daughter was on the same plane. The movie doesn't bear up well under close scrutiny, but Moore is convincing enough to distract the logician, at least until after you've left the theater. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, some violence and brief language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B-

"FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS": The saddest sports movie since "Hoop Dreams," this is the true tale of a Texas town so bewitched by high school football that nothing else matters, including the feelings of the young players. Billy Bob Thornton plays the much put-upon but not quite saintly coach, while Derek Luke and Lucas Black shine as the team's most important players. But the movie, based on Buzz Bissinger's nonfiction account of a year in the life of Odessa, Texas, is undercut by wild, daring camera work that aspires to give a feeling of cinema verite but instead inspires queasiness. — M. Pols. (PG-13: thematic issues, sexual content, language, some teen drinking and rough sports action.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B-

"GARDEN STATE": "Scrubs" star Zach Braff wrote, directed and stars in this deceptively quirky tale that gradually deepens to end on a note of redemption marked by a bracing largeness of spirit. Braff plays a Los Angeles actor who returns to New Jersey when his mother dies, and simultaneously stops taking medication for depression. With Natalie Portman as the offbeat local girl with whom he hooks up. — K. Thomas. (R: drugs, language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B+

"GHOST IN THE SHELL 2: INNOCENCE": Mixing shimmering computer graphics with noirish hand-drawn characters, this anime sequel unravels a confusing future-world mystery in which individual life forces reside in various combinations of android and flesh-and-blood receptacles. Those coming to the Japanese cartoon series could well detect unmistakable echoes of "I, Robot," the "Matrix" movies and "Resident Evil." — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, disturbing images, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

"THE GRUDGE 2": Sarah Michelle Gel-

OPENING TODAY

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"BIRTH" (R)
Nicole Kidman plays a widow who meets a young boy who claims to be her dead husband, just as she's about to marry.

"THE MANSON FAMILY" (NR)
Described as an inside look at Charles Manson and his gang of killers/cult members.

"RAY" (PG-13)

The true story of musical legend Ray Charles' challenging rise to fame, starring Jamie Foxx.

"SAW" (R)

A sadistic serial killer abducts morally wayward people and forces them to play macabre games.

"SIDEWAYS" (R)

Two middle-aged buddies (Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church) go on a weeklong wine-tasting trip

in the Santa Ynez Valley. Directed by Alexander Payne.

"UNDERTOWN" (R)

Two young boys flee their rural Southern home with their dangerous uncle (Josh Lucas) in hot pursuit.

"VOICES OF IRAQ" (NR)

A documentary featuring footage taken by Iraqi people during the Fallujah uprising and in the weeks afterward. (At the Opera Plaza, S.F.)

lar stars in this remake of the Japanese horror film "Ju-on." A pair of ghosts haunts a house, attacking everyone who enters, including Gellar, who comes to play nursemaid to one of its occupants. The visual frights are plenty scary, but by the end, one of those set-you-up-for-the-scene scenes, the unconvincing back story behind the curse, has drained the film's energy. Surprisingly, Gellar makes for a dull heroine. — M. Pols. (PG-13: for scenes of horror.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C

"HERO": This historical fable and soulful contemplation is like an epic poem, taking viewers back a couple of millennia to China's "Warring States" period. The story quickly zeroes in on a mysterious swordsman (Jet Li) known only as "Nameless" who is brought before the king of Qin as the hero who killed the three most feared assassins in the realm. Visually stunning. — T. Maustad. (PG-13: stylized martial arts violence, a scene of sensuality.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. A

"I (HEART) HUCKABEES": David O. Russell's latest comedy is a wild romp about warring philosophies, starring, as a pair of existential detectives, Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin. Their latest client is Jason Schwartzman, an environmental activist who has lost his way, thanks to a corporate mouthpiece, played by a brilliant Jude Law. The material is dense, but the movie is so pleasantly silly that it floats by. Mark Wahlberg is outstanding as a thoughtful fireman, indignant with the world since "that September thing." — M. Pols. (R: language, a sex scene.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"LADDER 49": The career of veteran Baltimore fireman Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) plays out in flashbacks while he is trapped in a burning building. The movie flits from the present, as Jack's mentor, Fire Chief Mike Kennedy (John Travolta), directs a rescue effort, to Jack's first day on the job, his triumphant first fire and his family life with Linda (Jacinda Barrett) and their two children. — D. Germain. (PG-13: profanity, fire-scene violence.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

"MARIA FULL OF GRACE": A compelling, lyrical and highly accomplished debut feature by writer/director Joshua Marston, which puts a human face on one of the more inhumane and despicable aspects of the drug trade, the use of "mules" to transport heroin and cocaine. Through Maria, his heroine, we come to understand how an otherwise innocent young girl would willingly take such a risk. In the title role, serene newcomer Catalina Sandino Moreno wins our sympathy. — M. Pols. (R: drug content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

"THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES": A subtle and lyrical depiction of a political awakening from director Walter Salles. In 1952, two young men set out from Argentina, intent upon exploring South America via motorcycle.

Alberto Gander (the marvelous Rodrigo de la Serna) wants to get laid in every small town, his friend Ernesto Guevara of the Serna (the soulful Gael Garcia Bernal) wants adventure. Ultimately what they find is a connection to the continent's poor, put-upon and displaced people. By the end, the roots of revolution had found the man who would become "Che" Guevara. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. A

"NAPOLEON DYNAMITE": Napoleon, played by Jon Heder, is a gangly mouth-breather whose affectless eccentricity could easily be mistaken for simple-mindedness. "He's a

tender little guy," as described by his Uncle Rico (Jon Gries). This is about the kindest thing anyone says about Napoleon, who is taunted, harassed and laughed at in school. It is also the truest, though it may take you a while to appreciate it. This movie, filled with small-town, quirky characters, is ultimately more tender than cruel. — A.O. Scott. (PG: thematic elements and language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C+

"P.S.": The tantalizing psychological premise of writer/director Dylan Kidd's dissonant romance is that a 39-year-old woman (Laura Linney) has the unique, presumably mystical, opportunity to reunite with what seems to be her dead boyfriend (Tophir Grace) from high school. Linney is first-rate as usual, and Grace plays with the ambiguities of the role displaying skills of a far more experienced actor. But the movie is altogether too coy about its purpose, and its early promise remains unfulfilled. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexuality.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C+

"RAISE YOUR VOICE": Hilary Duff stars in this sort of Christian version of "Fame." When her brother dies in a car crash that she survives, Terri (Duff) loses the desire to sing — until she learns she's been accepted to a prestigious summer music program in Los Angeles. Once there, her classmates ostracize her for lacking the angst that's the requisite for an artist. She eventually falls into a chaste romance with a rakish British musician named Jay (Oliver James). — C. Lamire. (PG: thematic elements, language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C-

"REMEMBER ME, MY LOVE": An Italian family suffers from a chronic case of ambition, ranging from ugly (the teenage daughter's willingness to prostitute herself to get a TV gig) to the misplaced (the lousy novel dad fantasizes about finishing). Writer/director Gabriel Muccino, whose earlier film "The Last Kiss" was a huge hit in Italy, uses a narrator to elicit sympathy, but on the topic of fidelity and contentment, he is brutally honest. Nothing about this Italy is idealized, a rarity in imports to the States. Monica Bellucci is the tempting ex-girlfriend. — M. Pols. (Not rated.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B+

"RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE": Zombies have been unleashed on the fictional Raccoon City by an evil corporation, leaving babetastic Milla Jovovich and a few other plucky survivors to fight three vigorous foes: the undead, some slimy demons and a plus-sized humanoid with a rocket launcher. You might not know it from the numberless title, but "Apocalypse" is a sequel to "Resident Evil." — C. Hewitt. (R: partial nudity, violence, strong language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

"SHALL WE DANCE?": Richard Gere plays an attorney who badly needs to get his groove back in this remake of the Japanese hit. Jennifer Lopez is the dance teacher he turns to, with Susan Sarandon as the suspicious wife. A feel-good movie, expertly manufactured for audience satisfaction. The laughs are much broader and the supporting characters more vulgar than in the original, but Gere is at his most charming. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual references, brief language.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B-

"SHARK TALE": An animated underwater tale for kids. Sound familiar? But this tiresome DreamWorks concoction has none of the heart and soul of "Finding Nemo." The story is structured around yet another "Godfather" parody, featuring Robert De

Niro as the head shark ("Analyze This" and "That" weren't enough?) who rules the reef. Every sea creature has been anthropomorphized into something recognizable from pop culture, and the fish shop at "The Gup" and drink "Coral Cola." Yuck. Will Smith voices the most irritating fish in the sea, a braggart named Oscar. — M. Pols. (PG: mild language, crude humor.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C-

"SHAUN OF THE DEAD": A thoroughly juvenile and often entertaining "rom zom com" — which is to say, a romantic zombie comedy. Appliance salesman Shaun (co-writer Simon Pegg) gets dumped by his girl (Kate Ashfield) because he never goes anywhere but to the same bar, and his odious friend Ed (Nick Frost) is always around. The next day, there's a zombie invasion in North London, and Shaun gets a chance to prove his love by putting his life on the line to save his girl. Goofy and gross, it's a cross between "28 Days Later" and "Wayne's World." — M. Pols. (R: zombie violence/gore and language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

"SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW": This sci-fi, 1930s-style adventure film is all shot on blue screen: no sets, no locations, just the actors, a few props and tons of computer work to fill in the picture later. Advance publicity indicated that this innovation was the greatest thing since sliced bread, but really, who cares? The plot is standard action/adventure stuff, right out of "Raiders," with bad Germans threatening the world. What makes the film exceptional are the performances of Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow, playing our hero and his lady love, a nosy reporter. Their chemistry, not the visuals, gives flight to "Sky Captain." — M. Pols. (PG: sequences of stylized sci-fi violence and brief mild language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C+

"SPIDER-MAN 2": A rare sequel, just as nifty as its predecessor and blessed with some indescribably exhilarating moments. But along with the thrilling action, director Sam Raimi takes his Spidey (Tobey Maguire) to emotional depths. It's more romantic than the original, too (with Kirstin Dunst as the sexy-sweet love interest), plus it's got a sense of humor. — M. Pols. (PG-13: stylized action, violence.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

"STAGE BEAUTY": It's London during the reign of Charles II, an era of curly wigs and knee breeches. It was a theatrical age, and this film, based on a play by Jeffrey Hatcher, feasts on both its on- and off-stage spectacles. Rupert Everett plays the monarch himself with all his perfumed hamminess, and Zoe Tapper plays his consort, the brassy cockney musical-hall performer Nell Gwynn. One of the movie's historical insights: In 17th century England, politics were as theatrical as theater was political. — A.O. Scott. (R: sexual references and situations, some nudity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

"SURVIVING CHRISTMAS": Unable to face Christmas alone after a spat with his girlfriend, Drew (Ben Affleck) visits the house where he grew up. After some inane high jinks with the owners, Tom and Christine (James Gandolfini and Catherine O'Hara), he worms his way into their hearts and home by offering \$250,000 if they'll pretend to be his parents for Christmas. — D. Germain. (PG-13: sexual content, language, a brief drug reference.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. D

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday October 29

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-777-3456

•The Exorcist (R) 12

•The Manson Family (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:30

•Tarnation (Not Rated) 9:45

•Vanity Fair (PG-13) 6:45

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Ave. Albany 510-777-3456

•Being Julia (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:35

•The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:25

AMC Bay Street 16

5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262

•Birth (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:20, 8:05, 10:35

•Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 12:35, 3:20, 7:15, 9:55

•The Grudge (PG-13) 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15

•Heart Huckabees (R) 12:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25

•The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05

•Saw (R) 12:10, 1:10, 2:50, 3:50, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10, 11

•Shall We Dance? (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35

•Shark Tale (PG) 12, 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:15, 4, 5:45, 7:35, 8:05, 9:50, 10:30

•Tad (PG-13) 12, 2:25, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45

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•Rita Full of Grace (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15

•PS. (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25

•Remember Me, My Love (Not Rated) 1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20

•Shaun of the Dead (R) 2:30, 7:20

•Team America: World Police (R) 1:05, 2:30, 4:30, 6:15, 8:30, 9:40

•Vera Drake (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30

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2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193

•The Grudge (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:10

•Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15

•Gloomy Sunday (Not Rated) 1, 4:15, 6:45, 9:30

•Saw (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, 11:45

•Shall We Dance? (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05

•Surviving Christmas (PG-13) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

•What the Hell...I Do We Know? (Not Rated) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 8:15

United Artists Emery Bay *

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492

•The Grudge 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10

•Garden State (R) 1:15, 7:20

•Ladder 49 (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:10, 9:45

•Napoleon Dynamite (PG) 12:40, 3:10, 5:15, 7:40, 10

•Ray (PG-13) 12:10, 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:30, 10:20

•Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10

•Surviving Christmas (PG-13) 12:30, 3, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15

•Woman Thou Art Loosed (R) 12:45, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 8, 9:40, 10:20

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'Ray' offers a peek into a fascinating life well lived

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Ray Charles lived a long, rich life before dying this June at age 73. He was a great musician, and his rise from farm boy to fame is a fascinating, essentially American tale, one that cries out for a biographical movie.

With "Ray," director Taylor Hackford gives us just that. It is not a great movie, suffering from the conundrum of being both too shallow and too long, but it is still an easy movie to recommend because of the experience it gives us.

For those who have loved Charles' music without giving much thought to the man, the movie may hold some surprises, filling us in on a far-from-perfect history. For fans already familiar with the ups and downs, it offers the joy of seeing the sources of his inspiration. And of course there is the music, all actual recordings, carefully selected by Charles himself.

Jamie Foxx plays Ray Charles Robinson (he was persuaded to drop his last name when his career began to take off), from a teenager in 1948 through his rehabilitation from heroin addiction in 1966, with a brief coda set in 1979. In periodic, overly sentimentalized flashbacks, we also see Charles as a young boy living on a Florida sharecropping farm with his mother (Sharon Warren) and his little brother George.

Hackford and James L. White, who wrote the screenplay, focus the story on the years between the tragic death of George, which Charles blamed himself for, and his eventual self-forgiveness. They've done so to give structure to a long life well lived: Charles recorded more than 75 albums and had 12 children. Given that the movie, which runs more than 2½ hours, still feels bloated, you

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Ray"

■ **STARRING:** Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington, Clifton Powell, Larenz Tate, Regina King

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (for a depiction of drug addiction, sexuality, some thematic elements)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 32 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today in area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B-

can understand their decision — it would probably take a 10-hour miniseries to really encompass Charles' life. But it still feels a little arbitrary, awfully Hollywood and occasionally cheesy.

To their credit, the filmmakers have not shied away from Charles' less admirable qualities. He's depicted here as a shameless philanderer, a man who found himself an innocent woman, Della Bea (the lovely Kerry Washington), to marry and bear his children, and then did whatever he wanted with other women on the road. He was also a hard-core drug user, a heroin addict who felt that after his early suffering, he deserved whatever solace he could find.

It has been easy to forget that Charles ever struggled because, blind since age 7 due to glaucoma, he always made his disability look insignificant. "Ray" reveals a lot about the way Charles was manipulated and taken advantage of, as a young performer he eventually had to demand cash payments in singles because he'd had people tell him \$1 bills were fives or 10s. That he became a ruthless businessman, at times capable of his own cruel coldheartedness, makes perfect sense.

Charles had so many tics —



JAMIE FOXX does an admirable job of imitating Ray Charles' mannerisms in the Taylor Hackford-directed biopic "Ray."

the bashful smile, the off-kilter walk, the tendency to hug himself — that anyone playing him has to do a certain amount of mimicry. Foxx does it so skillfully that it often seems as if we're seeing Charles himself onscreen. It's a showy role, and he'll probably get an Oscar nomination for it, but the constraints of the biopic — with dates and new locations flashing onscreen every few minutes — prevent the actor from truly transcending that sense of imitation.

The supporting players do ad-

mirable work, including "The West Wing's" Richard Schiff and Curtis Armstrong, respectively, as Atlantic Records executives Jerry Wexler and Ahmet Ertegun. It is also worth noting that "Ray" alone just about doubles the number of African-American actors in high profile roles in a big budget Hollywood movie this year. Clifton Powell as Charles' longtime assistant Jeff Brown is particularly good; as is Harry Lennix, who plays the slightly oily Joe Adams. As Charles' mother, newcomer Warren gives

a somewhat strident performance, but it would take a stony heart not to be touched by her scenes with the young Charles.

Where the movie never falters is in portraying the musical genius of Ray Charles, who evolved over time from an imitator of Nat King Cole into a performer with a distinct, irreplaceable voice. In one memorable scene, he's in the midst of a fight with a mistress, Margie Hendricks (Regina King) over the baby she's refusing to abort, when the inspiration for "Hit the Road, Jack" hits him.

Margie is furious with him, but still can't resist joining in with him as he creates the song. Hackford then cuts to a full-blown version of the tune, with Charles playing it to a full dance hall and Margie singing every chorus with bitter spite. It's a clever way of showing the expression of a life in song, and that is "Ray's" true strength.

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Reviews

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"**TARNATION**": Jonathan Caouette's film is hard to classify. It is obviously a documentary, but it also demands to be described in terms not ordinarily applied to movies — as a memoir, as a diary, as a private, poetic record of emerging consciousness. Aside from Caouette, whose bruised, resilient sensibility gives "Tarnation" its power and its wit, the main character is his mother, whose beauty and vivacity have been shadowed by serious mental illness. — A.O. Scott. (PG: Not rated.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. B+

"**TAXI**": Jimmy Fallon plays Washburn, a cop who is such a lousy driver that he loses his driver's license. That's where Queen Latifah comes in, as a cabbie named Belle who's a great driver with a souped-up taxi. After Washburn persuades her to drive him around, the two of them take on the city's latest menace, a gang of Brazilian bank robbers who look like supermodels. — J. Boyar. (PG-13: language, sensuality, brief violence.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

"**TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE**": In the latest raunchy, foul-mouthed creation from the "South

Park" boys Matt Stone and Trey Parker, marionettes sing, dance, fly airplanes, bomb the Eiffel Tower, have wild sex, vomit and feed Hans Blix to the sharks. The plot mimics that of a dumb action movie, with marionettes — every string showing — playing the brash defenders of the American way against terrorists. Movies don't come much cruder, politically incorrect, offensive (or funnier) than this. — M. Pols. (R: graphic, crude and sexual humor, violent images and strong language; all involving puppets.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

"**VERA DRAKE**": Vera (Imelda Staunton) is the cheeriest, most helpful gal in her dingy London neighborhood, circa 1950. She's also a back-alley abortionist, "helping out" hundreds of poor women. Director Mike Leigh handles this incendiary topic with a bare-bones economy that goes straight to the heart of the legal and moral questions, without being overt or strident. The ensemble cast, particularly Staunton, is superb. — M. Pols. (R: for adult themes.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

"**WE DON'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE**": Adapted from two novellas by Andre Dubus, this drama about marital woes is a uncomfortable four-way game of envy, longing and dissatisfaction. Jack Linden (Mark Ruf-

falo) is sleeping with Edith (Naomi Watts), who is married to Hank (Peter Krause), a writer who is Jack's colleague and best friend. Edith initiated the affair as revenge for Hank's earlier infidelities; and as a way of assuaging his own guilt, Jack nudges his wife, Terry (Laura Dern), into a dalliance with Hank. — A.O. Scott. (R: sex, strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B-

"**WHAT THE \$#! DO WE KNOW?**": Marlee Matlin stars in this lively exploration of quantum physics that mixes talking-head observations, giddy animation and a mini-drama about a photographer (Marlee Matlin) dealing with a failed love life. — R. Denerstein. (NR.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B

"**WIMBLEDON**": Rising tennis star Lizzie (Kirsten Dunst) and falling star Peter (Paul Bettany) meet cute at Wimbledon. She's naked in the shower, he's gawking appreciatively. Some minor obstacles get in the way, like her controlling dad (Sam Neill),

but in the end, she helps him find his game and he helps defrost her chilly champion's heart. Bettany, last seen as an able seaman in "Master and Commander," proves his comic and leading man chops. From the producers of "Notting Hill" and "Four Weddings," etc., who steal shamelessly from their proven formulas to put this one together. In their hands, even John McEnroe seems charming. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sexuality and partial nudity.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B

"**WOMAN THOU ART LOOSE**": Kimberly Elise plays Michelle, who is raped as a child by her mother's boyfriend and flees her home for a life of drugs and crime that lands her in jail. When she gets paroled, she

seeks revenge, and gets herself in even deeper trouble. We learn about her life through flashbacks as Bishop T.D. Jakes counsels her in prison.

(Jakes wrote the book upon which this film is based.) — T. Sime. (Not rated: violence, sexuality.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B-

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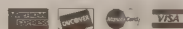
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Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant
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Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the popular earlybird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. - Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner.

Sushi House
2226B South Shore Center, Alameda (510) 865-0999

When it comes to sushi, one place on the island comes to mind. Come experience why locals & out-of-towners alike flock to Sushi House. Whether you're a fan of modern or traditional Japanese cuisine, Sushi House will delight your senses w/unique, award-winning sushi creations not found elsewhere on either side of the Bay. You've tried the rest. Now try the best! All seafood is delivered daily to ensure unrivaled quality & freshness. Showcasing these excellent beginnings are chef/owner James' own creations such as "Crazy Horse" - tuna, hamachi, salmon & avocado; "Crazy Monkey" - yellow tail, salmon, eel, tobiko and cucumber; & "Dynamite" - yellow tail, salmon, tuna & halibut deep fried w/house special sauce - spicy! Frequent Sushi House diners John & Sally Crittendon agreed that "James is a real artist & his sushi is the freshest we've ever tasted." Sushi House is open nonstop from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday & 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays. Plenty of free parking. From an intimate date to a big celebration, Sushi House is the hip & trendy place to be in Alameda! AE MC VS \$W

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Legend: \$ rating is average dinner entrée price

AE	American Express	\$	Entrées under \$7
CB	Carte Blanche	\$\$	\$7-\$14
DC	Diners Club	\$\$\$	\$15-\$20
DS	Discover Card	\$\$\$\$	\$20+
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Shows begin at 9 p.m. 3629 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Oakland. 510-654-4549 or www.oaklandmilehigh.com

THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Lemon Lime Lights, Demented Big Band, Militant Children's Hour, Oct. 29. \$6.

"The Halloween Spooky Square Dance" with The Squirrelly String Band, The Stairwell Sisters, Oct. 30. \$8

The Tiptons, Enac Enac, Nov. 5.

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YOSHI'S — Abdullah Ibrahim, through Oct. 31. \$10 to \$20

Dave Eshelman's Jazz Garden Big Band, Nov. 1. \$10 to \$15.

Mindi Abair, Nov. 2 and Nov. 3. \$10 to \$20

Bud Shank Quartet with Phil Woods, Nov. 4 through Nov. 7. \$12 to \$24

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MUSEUMS

JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM — The museum's permanent collection includes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, folk art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and historic artists.

"Revisions: Ann Chamberlain," through Feb. 27. An installation by the Bay Area artist that explores the relationship between cemeteries and museums, between sacred ground and secular space, and between collecting and memory.

"Sephardic Horizons," through July 15. An exhibit of works arising from the Jewish culture that arose in Spain and Portugal, which later moved to North Africa, the lands of the Ottoman Empire, Italy, Amsterdam and the New World. Featured works include ritual objects, photographs, prints, costumes, jewelry and books.

"Case Study: Alfred Henry Jacobs, Architect," through Jan. 16. An exhibit of photographs, documents and other printed materials from the Western Jewish History Center archive, highlighting Alfred Henry Jacobs' contribution to the architecture of Bay Area movie palaces and theatres as well as charitable organizations.

\$6 general; \$4 students and seniors; free children under age 12. Through summer: Sunday through Thursday, 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — The collection includes over 6,000 objects, approximately 4,000 prints and drawings, 900 textiles, 200 paintings, and 900 small ceramics and sculptures. Each season works from the Museum's permanent collection are shown along with the regular season's program.

EXHIBITS — **OPENING** — "Out of my own head," Nov. 2 through Dec. 12. An exhibit of photographs by Jay DeFeo.

OPENING — "Point of View," Nov. 2 through Nov. 14. An exhibit of works by Anna Von Mertens

Opening Reception, Nov. 3, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Deborah Stratman: In Order Not To Be Here," through Dec. 12. An exhibit of video works by the artist

CLOSING — "James Yamada," closing Oct. 31. An exhibit of selected works by the artist, including a new video

"Ceramics, Paintings and Photography From the Collection," through Dec. 12. An exhibit of works from the museum collection

"Three Focus Exhibitions of Asian Textiles," through Dec. 12. An exhibit of works from the museum collection.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "What Really Happened at the Iraq Museum?" Nov. 5, 4 p.m. A lecture by Major Corine Weger, U.S. Army Reserve, who was the Army's Monuments and Archive officer in Iraq and is Assistant Curator at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. At Lissner Hall. Free

Free. Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.mills.edu/MCAM

THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — **EXHIBITS** — "What's Going On? California and the Vietnam Era," through Feb. 27. An exhibit exploring the impact of the Vietnam conflict on California life and culture. It will include approximately 500 historical artifacts, photographs and documents, as well as film clips, music and oral histories.

"Therese Thau Heyman: A Curator's Legacy," through Jan. 2. Therese Heyman, former senior curator of the Oakland Museum of California, passed away in January, leaving a 30-year legacy of groundbreaking collections and exhibitions of California photographers and printmakers. This exhibition presents a sampling of her collections, including photographs by Dorothea Lange, Ansel Adams and Imogen Cunningham, and works on paper by Richard Diebenkorn and Elmer Bischoff.

"Illuminaciones: Days of the Dead Indigenous and Colonial Expressions," through Dec. 5. Installations that explore how the Spanish Colonial Period in Mexico and indigenous ways of life there continue to influence observances of Dias de los Muertos today

"In Our Own Voice: The Making of A Korean Community," through Nov. 28. An installation that includes photographs, historical artifacts, a video presentation and an illustrated timeline.

"Points of View. Selections from the Museum Collection," ongoing. A selection of contemporary artwork from the museum's collection, including photographs, ceramics, video, mixed-media sculptures and paintings.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "First Friday! Illuminations for the Days of the Dead," Nov. 5, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. A special one-night exhibit of altars created by California College of the Arts students. There will be drinks and live music as well. Free with general admission.

"Teacher Festival!" Nov. 5, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Gallery talks by student and teacher altar makers in the exhibition "Illuminaciones: Days of the Dead Indigenous and Colonial Expressions," as well as guided tours of the exhibition. Free for teachers.

"The Civil Rights Movement and Activism Across Communities," Nov. 7, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A panel discussion exploring the impact of the Civil Rights Movement on motivating communities to organize and create movements for change. \$10 general; \$7 students and seniors.

ONGOING EVENTS — "Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art à la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors and students; free children ages 5 and under, free to all on the second Sunday of the month. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 510-238-2200 or www.museumca.org

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UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM — "Figurations," through Jan. 22, 2006. A changing exhibition of historical and recent paintings, photographs and sculptures that consider the human form in various ways.

"Turning Corners," through Jan. 22, 2006. This exhibition looks at five centuries of innovative art and ideas from around the world through masterworks from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. On view are works by artists ranging from Albrecht Dürer, Peter Paul Rubens and Paul Gauguin to Jackson Pollock and Eva Hesse; and recent work by Jeanne Dunning, Xu Bing and

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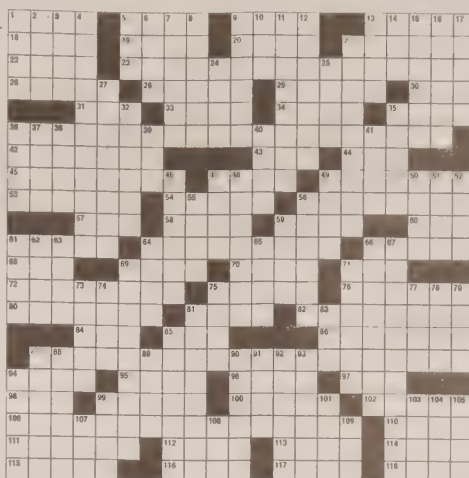
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- drey Nfenegger. (Harvest, \$14.)
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Trade paperback nonfiction

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2. "A Short History of Nearly Everything," by Bill Bryson (Broadway, \$15.95.)
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Balinese

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and 20 or 21 women were weaving textiles. Three years ago, one was the others working on a brick carrying construction site.

he says, the arts are catching there. "It's a small to have all this going on — ceremonies" — and more,

who spoke about Indonesian textiles last Saturday at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, is organizing an Indonesian embroidery exhibit at the University in Ithaca, N.Y.; now is set to open in January. His latest book, "Story of Bali," is being published by Ten Speed Press. He will sign copies at Books in Berkeley on Oct. 31.

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Etiquette

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ended into the fiery pits — Hamilton created a site where others could read the tales and be helped. The depths of etiquette hell are crowded these days, says Hamilton and Bay etiquette and protocol expert Sharyn Kennedy. The site now lists about 1,500 etiquette stories, but the archives brim with another 2,000 or so.

Recently received a wedding invitation worded like this: "Daria and Norton are getting married! Come to Anston Park Lawn Bowls Club on Sunday 6 October to celebrate with us! Bring a good present!"

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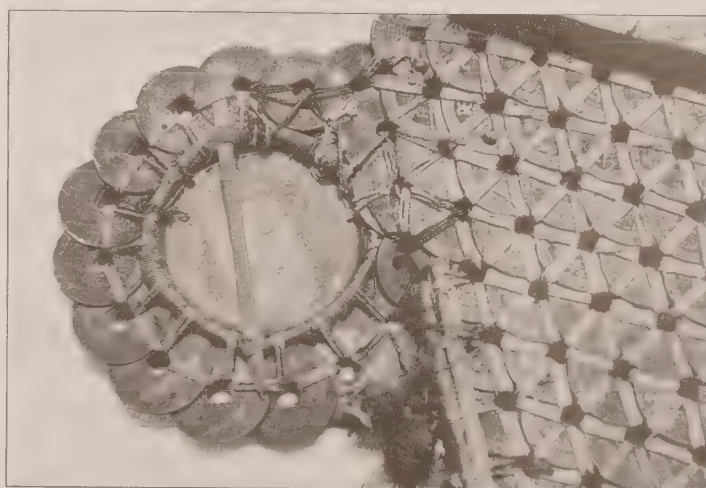
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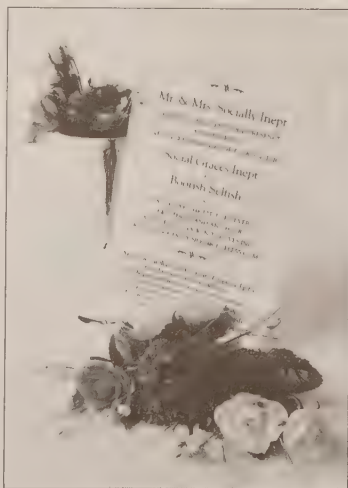
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THIS DECORATIVE Balinese object, now on display at the Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley, incorporates a photograph of Rita Hayworth and another actress.



JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO/STAFF

Couples also are starting to bill guests who fail to show up at the reception, attempting to recoup the money they paid for a meal that went uneaten. And if that wasn't enough, Hamilton says couples are borrowing from cultural traditions — such as money dances — in an attempt to break even or get a little ahead. If they don't raise enough with that, they auction off the centerpieces.

Several times during the reception a man announced over the loudspeaker that the bride and groom could not afford to take a honeymoon, so he reminded us, please make sure that you drop a donation in the wishing well for this beautiful young couple. But it did not stop there. By the end of the evening, he and several other members of the bridal party had gathered up buckets (Yes, I said buckets) and began to pass them around the hall, shouting, "Donations to Chris and Sherrie's honeymoon go in here!"

— Posting on
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There is indeed, Hamilton says, a special place in etiquette Hades for those people. But there is hope for redemption. Hamilton believes that people can learn from the stories of others. Many folks, she says, don't realize how rude and tacky they are being until they see the reaction of others.

Interestingly enough, the site doesn't include a word of instruction about proper etiquette. Sometimes, Hamilton says, showing what not to do has more impact than lecturing on what's right.

And for those who never get it, well, they end up lonely, Hamilton says.

"The way some people behave is outrageous," Hamilton says. "It's no wonder they become social pariahs. If people act like this, you've got to cut them loose, otherwise they're going to suck the life out of you."

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Multimedia Notes

Political ads get nasty up north

SEATTLE — I miss Dave Ross on KCBS Radio, those funny, tongue-in-cheek commentaries he did every day at 2:35 on KCBS for the CBS network. I also miss his talk show, arguably the best in the country, on Seattle's big KIRO Radio each day between 9 and noon. Ross is apolitical, witty, and entertaining. Whenever I'm up in the Pacific Northwest I always try to tune in his KIRO show.

But Ross, somewhat reluctantly, is running for Congress up here for an open seat as the Democratic candidate in Washington's 8th Congressional District. He talked openly on his radio show last summer about being approached by Demo party officials to run for the seat. On KIRO, Ross was decidedly ambivalent about the idea. He knew he'd be smeared. And that's just what's happening to the humorous radio personality.

Washington is a swing state, and as Election Day approaches the airwaves up here are full of nasty ads — for Bush and Kerry, for the U.S. Senate, and now, from Ross's Republican opponent, a weasel impersonator named Dave Reichert. I'm a registered Republican myself (don't write; I'm voting for Kerry), and this guy's ads are a disgrace to the party. Reichert is sheriff of King County.

Ross opposes a \$100 million missile-defense system sought by the Bush administration. I once supported the idea myself (when the Soviet Union was a military threat), but now it seems silly. Reichert's anti-Ross TV ads superimpose the words "empower terrorists" over images of children and terrorists. Charming.

Knowing a bit about the good-natured Ross, when I saw the ad on KING-TV up here, I wanted to punch Reichert. It was not unlike calling Charles Osgood, whom Ross fills in for occasionally, pro-terrorist. Ross told the Seattle Times this about the ad: "It's so over the top I doubt that any serious-minded person is going to pay attention to them." The Republicans stand by the ad. Welcome to the new, nasty world of Texas-style campaigning. We don't see a lot of this in California, which is far more liberal, but we probably will in future elections. The same kind of thing is happening to Democratic U.S. Sen. Patty Murray up here. Murray's always struck me as a centrist, mildly liberal type, a unitar. Now I learn from her Republican opponent's TV ads that she's a big fan of Osama bin Laden.

Where does my party keep coming up with these weasels — the term Washington state Rep. Lynn Kessler recently used for Murray's opponent, U.S. Congressman George Nethercutt? Nethercutt's TV ads supposedly showing Murray saying good things about Osama came under scrutiny by the narrator of the KING-TV Senatorial candidates' debate I watched here last week.

Asked if the ads weren't vicious, Nethercutt shrugged and admitted they were "tough." He quickly added that they were "truth-based." Murray, not a confrontational type, looked down and sighed. And you thought "liberals" like Kerry were the only ones being attacked in these vicious ads on TV these days. It's also political moderates like Ross and Murray. And it doesn't augur well for the future of politics in this country.

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A dismaying ad of another sort is running in the Seattle Times daily, headlined "A Threat To Our Nation." Another sleazy political ad? No, it's for the Times itself, and says the respected daily is "at risk" from a takeover by the Hearst Corporation, which also gobbled up the S.F. Chronicle. "The Seattle Times is one of the few remaining independent metropolitan newspapers in the country," the ad reminds readers. It adds that the Times' owners are fighting back by selling off assets.

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsmann@sonic.net



A PAIR OF WOODEN MASKS that symbolize a long marriage, left, and other objects of Balinese art — owned by Berkeley residents Clare and Joseph Fischer — are on exhibit at the Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley.

Diverse Balinese art comes alive

■ Objects are on display through Feb. 16 at the Graduate Theological Union Library

By Janet Levaux
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Where can you find images of Rita Hayworth, surrounded by Chinese coins and snakes? Originally, the art came from Bali — an island of 2.5 million people, most of the Hindu faith, in Indonesia. But through Feb. 16, this object and 85 others are on display at the Graduate Theological Union Library.

"This is a traditional hanging — folk art," said curator Joseph Fischer, 78, pointing at the piece. "It reflects the whims and desires of the maker, while conforming with traditional symbols like the double snake," the longtime Berkeley resident said.

Fischer, who taught at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education, has been traveling to Indonesia, teaching there and collecting Balinese art since 1956.

"Bali has some of the most distinctive art and ritual culture in the whole world," he explained. "The diversity of materials used and the fact that the culture is still very much alive" draw Fischer and his wife Clare, 70, back to that island and its art — again and again, he said.

The Fischers' exhibit at the GTU highlights both folk art, which is used in religious practice, and contemporary art, which is mainly sold to tourists and local.

Both categories, he said, include paintings, wood carvings, stone sculpture, textiles, puppets, masks, offering figures and ritual paraphernalia.

"Joe has a profound interest in folk art and is committed to



CLARE FISCHER, who teaches at the Graduate Theological Union, and husband Joseph Fischer, who used to teach at UC Berkeley, hold wooden masks of Sahnawa and Sadana, who symbolize a happy and long union for couples in Bali. The masks are part of the Fischer's collection, which is on display at the GTU Library through Feb. 16.

demonstrating that craft is art," said Clare, a professor of religion and culture at the Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley.

A dramatic black and red dance mask depicts Natag Dirah, a character in the dance drama Calonarang, who keeps a list of bad people and punishes them in the afterlife. This piece of lacquered painted wood was carved by the artist I Wayan Muka.

Nearby, a pair of multi-colored gambling dice made of wood are decorated with the hero Hanuman, from the ancient Indian epic Ramayana, and Garuda, the eagle-like vehicle of the Hindu god Wisnu (or Visnu).

There are also contemporary paintings of men preparing for a cockfight and women making traditional offerings of fruit and a cone of white rice. Colorful shadow puppets also are on display.

"Art is something that everybody does" in Bali, said the Fischer's grandson Ian Laycock, a student at SF State who traveled to Indonesia this summer. "It is so much a part of the culture — and the seen and unseen worlds are equal in importance."

Some traditional skills are being negatively impacted by Bali's development, Fischer said. "I went to some villages seven years

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EXHIBIT

What: Exhibit of Objects and Representations of Balinese Religion and Culture, from the collection of Clare and Joseph Fischer

Where: Graduate Theological Union Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley

When: 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and noon-7 p.m. Sunday — through Feb. 16.

Author appearance: There will be a Bali Night on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 3-6 p.m., at Moe's Books, 2476 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Author Joseph Fischer will sign copies of his latest book on Balinese art.

Etiquette faux pas create guests' wedding-bell blues

By Joan Morris
STAFF WRITER

USING YOUR wedding to supplement your income. Alienating most, if not all, of your wedding guests. Registering for expensive gifts, then berating people who don't deliver as instructed.

Is this any way to start a marriage?

For far too many people, say wedding etiquette experts, it is. More and more, wedding guests are expected to help finance the wedding, honeymoon and cozy cottage, and members of the wedding party find themselves drafted into servitude. If only they could get paid per etiquette disaster, they could easily pay for their wedding and have a little left over for a honeymoon.

Jeanne Hamilton, an etiquette maven, wedding planner and co-author of "Bridezilla: True Tales From Etiquette Hell," says she has seen things in the past three years that she never could have imagined.

Take, for instance, the couple who decided to mix a little corporate sponsorship amid the

A couple I know, both getting married for the second time, decided to have a rather expensive wedding, complete with a very expensive bridal gown, a band, the whole schmeer. Oddly (at least to me), they sent out invitations that were created on a computer and printed out on a laser printer.

Tucked inside each invitation was a poem on a piece of lurid pink laser paper, obviously hand-cut with scissors: We've got appliances galore/It's not our first time as spouse/What we'd really appreciate/Is cash toward a house.

— Story posted on www.etiquettehell.com

misty-eyed "I dos" and solemn prayers. They sent perspectives to various wedding vendors, offering to prominently display the companies' logos in return for free or discounted services.

"I about fell over when I read they were offering to put the logo on the thank-you notes," Hamilton says.

Too often, she says, weddings are being considered money-making opportunities.

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Here is a wedding invitation that takes the cake (pun definitely intended). I had a friend, let's call him David, who was re-

cently engaged. He called me at work one day to ask how they could ask for cash for wedding gifts, as they may move to China for a while and would have no use for appliances, silverware, etc. I told him that under no uncertain terms can he request monetary gifts. He should be happy that anyone would want to give him anything!

When the invitation arrived — cheaply copied onto copy center card stock — I found that David and Lois (not her real name) had found a crafty way of getting their wish. They used their invitation to educate their guests on

the ancient Chinese tradition of "Hong Bao," the practice of the bride and groom's families showering them with red packets (hong bao) full of, you guessed it, money. A separate insert romantically painted the rich history of hong bao, in which the red packets/hong bao/envelopes of cold, hard cash were mentioned a dozen times. (I counted.) And, in case you still didn't get it, the insert was copied onto red paper.

— Posting on www.etiquettehell.com

Hamilton, a general in the war to salvage wedding — and other — etiquette, keeps track of such travesties of good taste and decorum at her Web site, www.etiquettehell.com. The site started as something of a joke, Hamilton says. She was always running across some major example of bad taste and tackiness and saying the offender was likely to burn in etiquette hell.

When people began sending her stories — nominations, really, of people who deserved to

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JACK TUCKER
Community

Farce on far perfects time

THIS WILL SOUND like a bad idea, but give it a try: your imagination. A warning light comes on: picture a ballet of snowshoes to the music of Jones conducting a orchestra made up of chuckling tubas.

Okay. Switch off. Sady, nothing like that. But you have in your mind the nature of exquisite taste down klutzniness and unbuttoned exuberance. "Noises Off," Michael Jones conducting a farce about a farce at the Costa Civic Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., El Cerrito. The curtain rises on designer Matt Flynn, holding a dress rehearsal, hilariously confusing the clue: The actors are real selves as they go off-stage director, then into their character. Quality continues through play.

Daren A. C. Camilleri, high-spirited cast as a succession of theatrical stage disaster clichés, the genre: Doors slam, "shushes!" whisper, and pants fall.

This goes on for an and-a-half hours including one intermission. Five-minute "break" which the set is switched front to back in full view audience for a hilarious the-scenes peek — if you wondered what goes on there. ("Oh-h-h NO!")

The title, "Noises Off," is a stage term denoting when a scene progress and all noises cease. Sometimes, also on deaf ears.

With Patrick Borthwick, Evelyn Sue Day, Hayle, Tina Luisen, Ben Ortega, Kerry Brady A. Wooley.

"Noises Off" plays Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 20, with 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 and 14. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids and under. Call 510-515-1111.

ANOTHER KING OF "Present Laughter," Ward's mischievous and written-for-himself on stage at Live Oak, 1301 Shattuck Ave., El Cerrito. Amuses with another fun.

The Actors Ensemble, directed by Stuart, contrasts Coward's smart, sparkling — if farcical, broad comedy — not meant to disparage show; both are superb in the widest sense. Take different paths to funny bones.

"Present Laughter," story of 40-something sendine (played by Schilling), a pampered, lar matinee idol still too vain to avoid temporary pitfalls.

Set in Essendine's War II London apartment, actor is about to set. One by one, up pops night-standee, then followed by a starry-adoring male playwright.

With typical Coward wit and brittle repartee, sendine sidesteps comedy and mounting confusion taking with him.

Nah. That would be beans. "A cornball" make suave Sir Noel was knighted — then.

Handsome grand cast in top-notch seamlessly directed "Laughter" (from a script in "Twelfth Night") for Actors Ensemble.

Plays at 8 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 18. Tickets are \$10 — \$8 for students for an additional Nov. 18. Call 510-451-2768.

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MOTOR MATTERS

A decade after Mercedes introduced the original SLK at the Turin Auto Show, the second-generation SLK debuts for 2005 with a host of innovations designed to improve performance and increase safety. One of the most notable is a new neck warmer that's designed to keep the topless season. The SLK350 bristles with engineering changes that provide more power, better handling and more support for ragtop fanatics who want to drive even when the mercury is in the single digits. Those cold months turn the SLK from a dream vehicle to a practical one, unless you're a convert who's already got a convertible if you're going to drive with the top up?

Claudio Bargheer, a Mercedes engineer in Stuttgart, Germany, has designed a clever season stretcher convertible in this new SLK. Mercedes calls it Aircscarf, an effective neck warmer that keeps the driver's occupants comfortable with the top down in cooler weather. Bargheer says he's related to one of the major components of original SLK owners. The SLK's open-air car was too hot outside of the Sunbelt in late summer and early spring. Even the mesh sun deflector that fits over the rear window only eliminates the sun behind the occupants, but not make it appreciably more



MITSUBISHI'S BIG NEWS for the 2005 Outlander is the introduction of a five-speed manual.

Small revisions to the 2005 Outlander result in big changes

MOTOR MATTERS

Mitsubishi Outlander adds a new trim to the 2005 lineup. Plus, the Outlander is better equipped with safety and desirable features most buyers want. The new Outlander trim for 2005 is the top-of-the-line Limited, available in front-wheel and all-wheel drive. The other two trims are the LS and XLS, also offered in 2WD and AWD. The Outlander starts at \$17,799 for the LS and runs to \$25,179 for the top model.

Mitsubishi's big news for the 2005 Outlander — in addition to the Limited — is the introduction of a five-

speed manual transmission. It is only available on the LS model. I'm sure the addition of a manual transmission will resonate with buyers. I, for one, if buying a vehicle, would always opt for a manual shifter in a car or truck equipped with a four-cylinder engine. I make this recommendation across the board, no matter who the manufacturer. A manual shifter linked to a four-cylinder with a small displacement optimizes the engine's performance.

In addition to adding a manual transmission, Mitsubishi has made advanced airbags and four-wheel

CONNIE KEANE
Keane on Wheels

disc brakes standard on all 2005 Outlanders. The automaker has discontinued the 16-inch wheels on the XLS model and made 17-inch alloy, five-spoke wheels standard on the XLS and Limited. Sixteen-inch all-season tires are outfitted on the LS base model.

My test-drive model was the Outlander Limited with all-wheel drive and leather-trimmed seats. Most im-

pressive about this compact SUV was the amount of leg room, both front and rear. For \$25,774, including destination charges, my tester came equipped with heated leather front seats, power sunroof, heated side-view mirrors, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, and an automatic dimming rearview mirror with a compass and temperature readings.

It was a sporty looking tester painted in Phoenix Red, nicely set off with integrated fog lights, side air dam treatment, and darkened rear privacy glass from the B-pillar to the rear. The Limited is distin-

guished from the LS and XLS in exterior appearance with a monochromatic body paint treatment. The other two models have a two-tone effect with gray plastic bumpers and side sills that offset the body paint. New for 2005 is a rear spoiler and a larger tailgate handle.

The ride was comfortable due to MacPherson struts up front. The multi-link, coil spring in the rear offered stability on rough road surfaces and over the smooth interstate highways. The second row

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comfortable to drive when the windchill arrives with its penetrating cold air.

Bargheer came up with the bright idea of installing a warm air blower in the headrest. This wasn't as easy to accomplish as it sounds. He says that the warm air had to be generated close to the occupants so the heat output could be kept low and still provide adequate warmth to the head and neck. Mercedes doesn't want to scorch its customers, it only wants to make the temperature salubrious in all seasons. Bargheer's solution was to tap into the warmth created by the heated seats, running a connector from the seat heating element to a tiny fan in the headrest. Vents in the headrests direct heated air from the fan onto occupants' necks. Mercedes says that this provides a more cozy cockpit in fall and spring when the thermometer is not ideal for convertibles.

Much thought and creativity went into providing this extra comfort. The system in the headrest had to be small because there wasn't space for a big heater and fan. Bargheer's team discovered that they could use a small strip of barium titanate as a quick heating element. When current is applied to the element it heats up in seconds. That's because its electrical resistance climbs when it's heated. This reduces power draw, taking advantage of what engineers call positive temperature coefficient. The PTC heater is small enough to conceal inside the headrest of the SLK. Aluminum fins on the heater funnel air outward as it blows from the fan.

Aircar even adjusts for changes in temperature and vehicle speed. It has a three-speed switch and an electronic controller that monitors speed, and inside/outside temperatures. The neck blower automatically changes fan speed based on the data the sensors collect. However, if you want to manually set the system you can override the automatic settings.

There's a lot more to the SLK than climate control. Mercedes engineers have created a vehicle that is virtually free of the cowl shake, loose door vibrations and rattles many convertibles are plagued with. The SLK has the solid feeling customarily expected from a luxury sedan. Using large amounts of high-strength steels and an array of other modern materials helps create a chassis and body that resists twisting and bending. In addition, the SLK's aerodynamic design eliminates much of the wind noise associated with driving convertibles. Mercedes engineers have also tuned up the 2005 SLK350's performance to respectable sports car levels. Its more powerful 3.5-liter 268-horsepower V6 engine can accelerate the SLK from 0-60 mph in 5.4 seconds. Top speed is electronically limited to 155 mph, more fitting for German autobahns than sedate U.S. speed limits.

The 2005 model has an MSRP of \$45,500, a one percent increase over the '04 model. An automatic transmission is \$1,375, navigation system is \$2,800 and an Aircar is \$975 as part of a package that includes heated seats. The average transaction price of the SLK350 is expected to be about \$50,000. If you buy all the bells and whistles it could set you back \$54,000. But Aircar should help you cut down on the Kleenex bills.



MERCEDES SAYS VENTS in the headrests direct heated air from the fan onto occupant's necks; this provides cozy cockpit in fall and spring when the thermometer is not ideal for convertibles.

Dream comes true of owning automobile of early days

MOTOR MATTERS

In the summer of 2001, Allyn Kilsheimer was about to fulfill his dream of owning a car from the earliest days of automobiles. He answered an ad for an 1899 Locomobile placed by a man in Bear Lake, Calif., who was looking for a good home for his little steam runabout.

The buyer and seller are both engineers, which was helpful during the getting acquainted phase of the initial interview. Eventually, the seller decided that Kilsheimer passed muster and the deal for the then 102-year-old car was made over the telephone.

Kilsheimer sent the California man the money and in the spring of 2002, the Locomobile was trucked cross country to Kilsheimer's Washington, D.C. home. He was ecstatic when his little steam car arrived.

The 1899 Locomobile is 4 feet, 5 inches wide and 5 feet, 4 inches tall (to the top of the seat back). It is 7 feet, 3 inches long bumper-to-bumper — though it has no "bumpers." The entire rig is supported on a 57-inch wheelbase by white rubber 28x3-inch, four-ply tires mounted on 40-spoke nickel-plated bicycle wheels. With a full load of five gallons of water and three gallons of gasoline the total weight is still less than 700 pounds. The little steamer has a

VERNE PARKER
Classic Classics

black wooden Stanhope body with a spindle seat. On either end of the dashboard are vertical slots for the reins controlling a horse to pass through, evidence that the body was initially made for use as a horse-drawn carriage.

Once Kilsheimer had possession of the car, he corresponded with the previous owner in an attempt to learn how to operate the five wooden-handled valves under the leather flap located behind the driver's ankles. The six-metal-handled valves on the outside of the car also posed perplexing questions. The previous owner sent him a cryptic message: "Don't try to start it!" Kilsheimer abided by the warning not to light the boiler, but he did hook the Locomobile to a compressed air hose and actually drove his car on the limited tether in his driveway propelled by air under pressure instead of steam under pressure. "I wanted to make sure it ran," he says. Compressed air works just as well as steam to verify the workings of the engine.

The horsehair-packed tufted leather

seat cushion sits directly over the boiler, Ottawa burner, Maxwell pilot and Mason engine. What would have been cargo space behind the seat in a horse-drawn carriage is a water tank shrouded by a leather cover with a flap for access to fill the tank.

A hex-nut in the center of the floorboard provides access to the fuel tank. Kilsheimer says the fuel of choice is Coleman lantern fuel, which gives us an indication of the octane of fuel of a century ago.

Brass was big in those days and Kilsheimer, while seated at the tiller of the right-hand drive car, discovered a brass rod protruding between his legs from beneath the seat cushion. That brass rod operates the steam whistle. At the rear of the vehicle a pair of brass exhaust pipes emit steam from the engine that operates between 180 and 300 psi. "You can go about 20 miles before you run out of water," Kilsheimer explains.

He surmises that the design of the car was completed when an excess of exhaust was discovered. Hence, an unfinished, crude-looking T-shaped smoke stack was installed, rising through the leather shroud over the water tank. A brass bicycle pump is used to pressur-

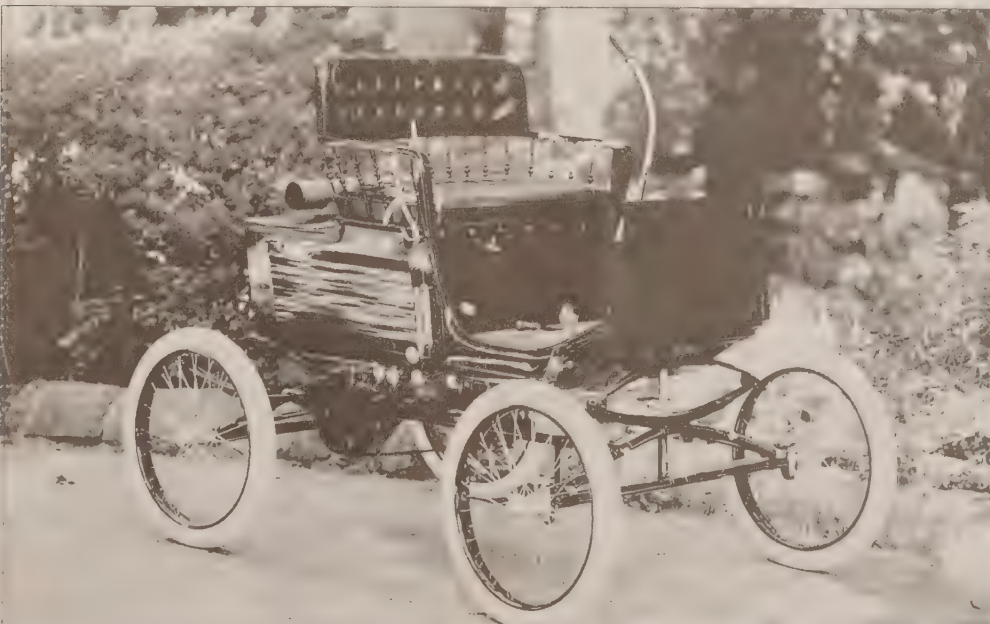
ize the fuel tank to 40 psi before lighting the pilot light, preparatory to starting the two-cylinder double-acting engine. "If your trip was less than five miles it was quicker to walk," Kilsheimer says. "No question about it." He suspects that ownership of an automobile, any automobile, a century or so ago was strictly an ego trip for the owner.

Locomobile publicity literature from 1899 touted the steam car's ability to go up to 40 mph, climb grades of 36 degrees and go between 20 to 40 miles on one tank of water. It was understood, of course, that all the claims were gross exaggerations. Kilsheimer's Locomobile carries serial number 170, which indicates that it was manufactured in 1899. It is sprung with three sets of leaf springs, one above each rear wheel and one transverse spring above the front axle. From the driver's seat two gauges are visible,

the fuel pressure at the far left of the board and the steam pressure right. In addition to those two gauges only other function the tiller controls to contend with is the brake handle right foot. The sight glass, drop water level, is mounted on the side of the body — where the driver would be doing.

Conveniently located at the front of the car are two levers, one to put the forward gear, reverse or neutral. The lever controls the acceleration, the controls are useless," Kilsheimer says. "but nobody at that time knew were doing."

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ALLYN KILSHEIMER dreamed of owning a car from the earliest days of automobiles.

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passengers get lots of knee, foot and hip room, plus the rear seatback gently adjusts backward for better back support. When in need of cargo room, the rear seats fold completely flat in a split-fold fashion. Up front the driver is in complete control with a commanding, panoramic view of the road ahead. Climate and audio buttons and dials are intuitive to the driver's reach. Another nice factor is that while the ride height is high and com-

manding, stepping into and out of this compact sport utility is effortless.

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THE ALL-NEW TACOMA is considerably beefier — so much so that one might be tempted to label it a "midsize" pickup.

Tacoma: Toyota's aggressive light-truck strategy

MOTOR MATTERS

Toyota is thinking big when it comes to pickups. Its compact 2005 Tacoma sends the first signal of a more aggressive approach to building trucks. The all-new Tacoma is considerably beefier — so much so that one might be tempted to label it a "midsize" pickup. The 2005 Tacoma is 4 inches wider and grows 6 inches in overall length. Wheelbases are stretched more than 5 inches. It's available in Regular Cab, extended Access Cab and four-door Double Cab configurations. Toyota bucks an industry trend toward deleting regular cabs from the lineup.

Based on the three cab types, Tacomas are offered in 18 model configurations. Two- and four-wheel drivetrains are offered, along with the 2WD PreRunner model that stands tall on the same suspension and tires as 4WD Tacomas. Regular Cab and Access Cab models are fitted with a 73.5-inch bed, and Double Cab buyers have the choice of a 60.3- or 73.5-inch bed.

Along with bigger dimensions, 2005 Tacomas offer greater engine output with all-new 2.7-liter four-cylinder and re-engineered 4.0-liter V6 engines. The 2.7-liter replaces the 2.4- and the former 2.7-liter four-cylinder engines. It delivers 164 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and 183 pounds-foot of torque at 3,800 rpm. Toyota credits the engine's Electronically Controlled Throttle System with Intelligence for its improved throttle response.

A five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission can be bolted to the new four-cylinder. The revised 4.0-liter V6, which is the base engine in Toyota's 4Runner and 2005 Tundra, is available in 4x4 and PreRunner Access Cab and

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cranks out V8-style output: 245 horsepower at 5,200 rpm, a more than 50-horsepower increase; and 282 foot pounds of torque at 3,800 rpm.

Transmission choices are a six-speed manual and five-speed automatic. The new X-Runner sport truck is powered by the 4.0-liter, exclusively partnered with the six-speed manual transmission. This pickup is ripe for the picking by youthful Gen-Y consumers wanting to make a powerful statement on the streets. Importantly for young buyers looking for an edgy ride, the X-Runner has the appearance of a ready-to-race street machine and the performance to back it up.

The truck's name comes from an "X-braced" reinforced frame that boosts torsional rigidity for better stability and handling during aggressive driving. Complementing the beefed-up frame are firmer, shorter springs and specially tuned Bilstein gas shocks positioned outboard of the frame rails. Toyota Racing Development will offer a dealer-installed, factory warranted supercharger that boosts horsepower to about 300. The supercharged kick shaves more than 1 second off the X-Runner's 7-second 0-60-mph time. Cosmetically, the X-Runner is enhanced with a hood scoop, integrated fog lamps and wraparound ground effects. TRD is offering a special "Big Brake" kit that puts the stops on the X-Runner with larger 13-inch rotors.

Of course, for the average buyer, 2005 Tacomas offer practical and convenience

features to enhance everyday driving comfort. Entering the larger, more spacious interiors is made easier for back-seat passengers with dual rear doors on Access Cab models, and Double Cab rear doors that are 3 inches longer and open to a greater 80-degree angle. Double Cab rear 60/40-split seat-backs recline to a more comfortable 23 degrees. Rear seats also tumble and fold to create a flat, hard-surface cargo floor.

Most noticeable among interior improvements is a restyled dashboard. It's far more stylish and sophisticated, with a bold three-ring gauge cluster and a prominent, wedge-sided center control panel. The Tacoma also raises the bar on cargo box design. Boxes are sheathed with standard fiber-reinforced sheet-molded composite material.

Toyota boasts Tacoma's bed is 10 percent lighter than a steel bed, dent-resistant, corrosion-proof, and can endure greater impact than a steel bed. Securing cargo is more efficient with a standard deck-rail utility system, which includes protective bed-rail caps, two-tier loading slots, removable tailgate, four adjustable tie-down cleats and two rear tie-down points. A deck-mounted AC power outlet is available. Smaller items can be tucked away in four storage boxes integrated between the bed and fenders.

The cargo box's exterior reflects Tacoma's stronger appearance, with a curved tailgate and bulging fenders. Front and rear over-fenders add muscularity to PreRunner and 4x4 models. Up front, a bolder grille and headlamp design give Tacoma a more modern and powerful look — fitting for a much more formidable 2005 offering.

Efficient low emissions vehicles demonstrated

MOTOR MATTERS

SHANGHAI — Several automakers used last week's Michelin Challenge Bibendum, held in Shanghai, to unveil their newest environmentally-friendly engines, models and strategies. Held in China for the first time, the event was a gathering and competition of energy-saving, reduced-emission vehicles. Ford introduced a hydrogen-fueled powertrain that it boasts is "the world's cleanest" internal combustion engine, and it could go into production within 12 to 24 months. Ford's powertrain is being demonstrated in a Ford Focus station wagon, called the Hydrogen Hybrid Research Vehicle (H2RV). The automaker's 2.3-liter internal combustion engine, powered by hydrogen and boosted by a supercharger, is paired with its patented Module Hybrid Transmission System. Ford says the hydrogen engine, equipped with a lean nitrogen oxide trap aftertreatment system, meets SULEV-Bin 2 emission standards, the world's cleanest standard. In developing the new powertrain, Ford's target was to meet those emission requirements, produce virtually no carbon dioxide, but also deliver the performance of a typical gasoline-powered vehicle.

"No company has ever demonstrated a hydrogen internal combustion engine that can meet these standards and have

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near-zero carbon dioxide emissions," said Sue Cischke, Ford vice president of Environmental and Safety Engineering. Ford sees the hydrogen-powered hybrid as a bridge between hybrids using gasoline engines with batteries and electric motors and the ultimate in clean and fuel efficiency — hydrogen-powered fuel cells.

Volkswagen introduced the Golf TDI Hybrid concept, which combines a diesel engine with electric motors and batteries. The powertrain is comprised of a high-boost, downsized 1.4-liter turbodiesel engine with a power output of 85 kilowatt combined with a 15 kilowatt electric motor. The engine is paired with VW's production dual-clutch gearbox. VW claims the diesel hybrid improves fuel economy by 10 to 15 percent over that of a gas-powered hybrid with the same power output.

"The advantage of this concept is that it can be incorporated into existing powertrain systems as an evolutionary development and therefore at comparatively low cost," said Matthias Rabe, executive director of Volkswagen Group. In addition to the hybrid, VW introduced the Touran HYmotion, a concept fuel-cell hy-

brid. Its 85-kilowatt fuel-cell system operates parallel with a high-powered nickel metal hydride battery system as its electrical energy source. Compressed hydrogen, stored in tanks, fuels the system.

Audi also showed a fuel-cell hybrid concept it called the A2H2. Based on the A2, the A2H2 combines a fuel cell, electric motor and powerful battery in a package that is intended to convey Audi's sporty image. It boasts a top speed and acceleration on par with the production A2, but with far better fuel efficiency and lower emissions. Its fuel economy is the equivalent of three liters of diesel fuel per 100 kilometers, a figure Audi claims is below any production hybrid with a spark-ignition engine. It qualifies as a zero-emission vehicle with only water vapor coming from the exhaust pipe.

On the heels of Toyota's announcement that it will sell and build its hybrid Prius in China, General Motors said it will build a hybrid-production bus with its Chinese partners and study the feasibility of mass production of hybrid vehicles in the country. "This is a first step," said Elizabeth Lowery, GM vice president, energy and environment. "The question is to figure out what place the technology has in the China market." GM's strategy has been to apply hybrid technology to high-volume and high-fuel consuming vehicles. Once it applies hybrid technology to vehicles like buses and then moves it into full-size trucks, as it has with its Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra, it will add sport utilities and eventually cars.

In China, the hybrid bus, to hit Shanghai streets next year, will allow GM and its partners to study how hybrids, from buses to cars, fit into the marketplace, said Lowery. Buses play a significant role in transportation in cities like Shanghai, with about 17,000 in operation.

GM will supply the propulsion system for its Chinese partners to package into a bus. Its Allison Transmission Division developed the hybrid technology. It uses dual electric motors to launch the bus from a stop, regenerative braking to capture energy along and an advanced battery to store the energy. The system already powers 335 public buses in nine North American cities, delivering fuel economy that is 60 percent better than non-hybrid buses and reducing certain emissions by up to 90 percent.



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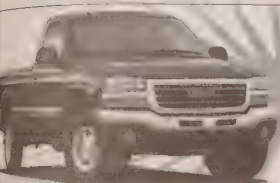
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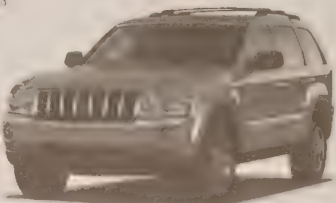
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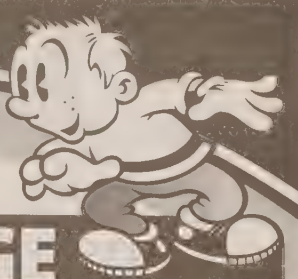
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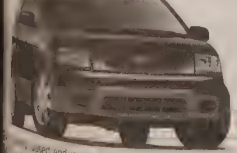


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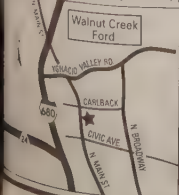


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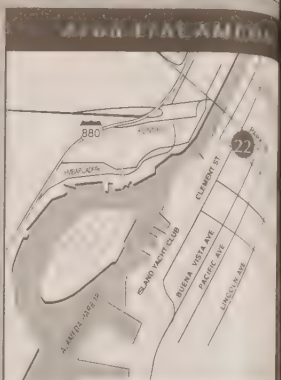
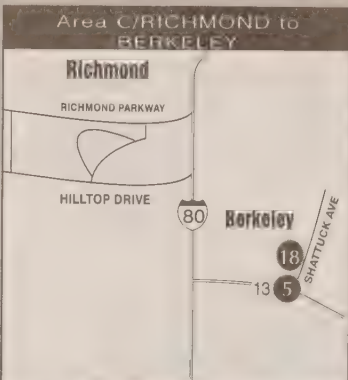
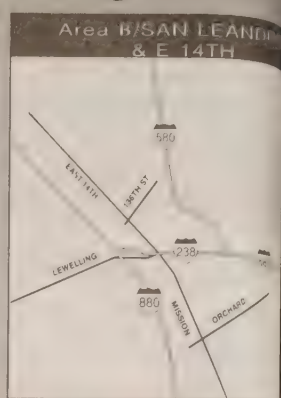
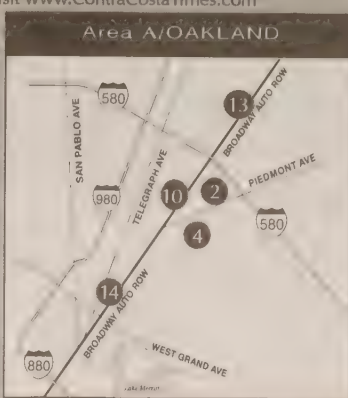
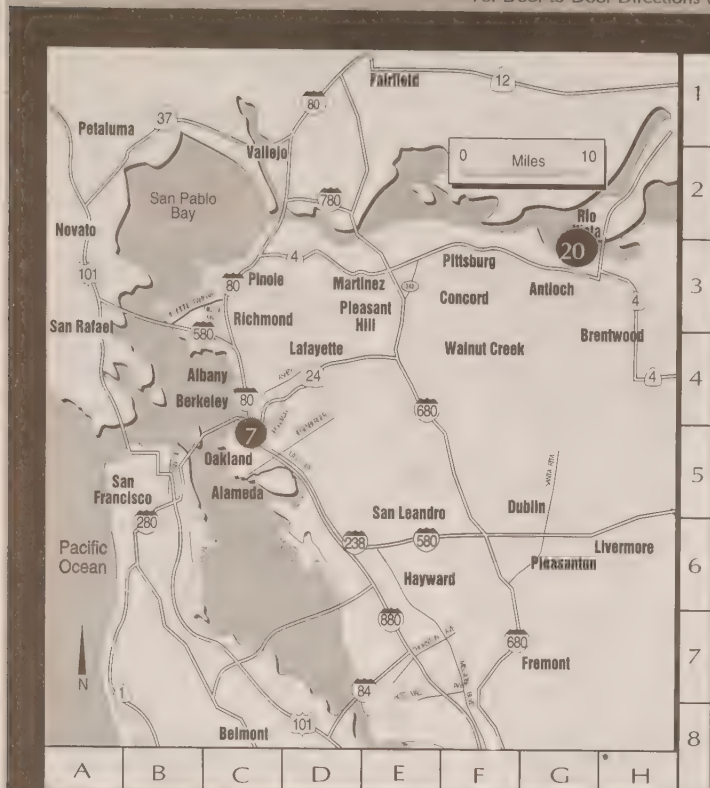
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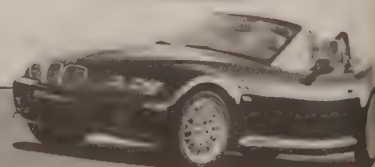
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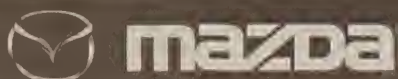
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(In Turtle Creek)

Lots of furn., lamps,
rugs, media center,
educational games,
clothing & misc.

SATURDAY 8am-4pm

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
4701 Brando Rd.
(off Hwy 88) 9am - 1pm,
Furn., Kitchenware,
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PLEASE No Early
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El Cerrito

ESTATE SALE

6710 CUTTING BLVD.
Round oak table, dark
din. rm. tbl, desks,
bookcases, king bdrm.
set, dressers, tons of
books, computer
items, kitchenware, & tons
more! R.H. Anderson
Northminster Church.

PARKING LOT SALE

SAT 10/30 8am to 1pm
545 Ashbury Ave.
Household items,
some children's cloth-
ing, toys, garden
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Hercules

HALLOWEEN EVE

Howling Good Deals!
1 Monsterously Low pri-
ces! Many items at \$1
Sat. & Sun. 9-2

118 Bluebird Ct.
Homes arriving early
will pay double!

TOTAL ESTATE

LIQUIDATION SALE
SAT 10/30 10-4
Sun 10/31 10-2

Great house packed
w/ stuff! Orig. photos
& other art. Tons of
books, Ergo chairs,
TV, compact fridge,
Kenwood stereo, rail-
road, art. nouve, secre-
tary, Danish mod., tbl
& chairs, lots more!

211 O Neel Cir.
Hwy 80, Pinole Valley
exit to San Pablo Ave.
turn R. on San Pablo &
L. on Hercules.

Lafayette

3155 WITHERS AVE.

Antique dressers,
armoire, scales, LPs,
toys, collectibles, chi-
na hutch, home gym,
bunk beds, lots of
good stuff! Sat. 8-2

Discovery Bay

MOVING SALE

909 HYPER POINT
SATURDAY 8am-7pm

Truck tires & rims (4)
for Ford F250,
Shopsmith saw, cloth-
ing, lots of misc. items

Dublin

DRIVEWAY SALE

7106 EMERALD AVE.
(Crs Amador Vly Blvd)
SUN, 10/31, 8-3PM

Household items,
construction tools &
materials, truck tool
boxes/accessories, &
net cages.

SAT 10/30 & SUN 10/31

Barn to noon
4321 Roscommon Way
Houseware, baby toys,
brand new clothes,
furn., electronics, purs-
es, shoes, 35" Sony TV,
computer 925-903-9785

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CLUTTER QUEEN Annual

Sporting goods, books,
kitchen items, clothes,
games, collectibles,
furniture & lots of misc.
3137 Gloria Terrace
(At Tassoni)
Fri., Sat. & Sun. 9-5

Multi-fam 10/30, 8-4,
3138 & 3144 Mars Ct.
Toys, Furniture, com-
puter, TV, stereo, golf
clubs, bikes, snow-
skis & clothes, Igloo
highchair, woodburning
stove, new & used
windows & doors, col-
lectibles, plates, haws
50's canister set

Livermore

GARAGE/Moving Sale

Sat. 10/30 9-2pm
No Early Birds Please!

Piano, furn., grdn.
tools & lawnmower
some electronics &
some collectibles.

MOVING IN SALE

2 COMBINED
Houses, lots of great
stuff, incl. furn.,
Sat. 10/30, 7:30-noon,
4283 Belmarway
(N. 1st St./I-580)

MOVING SALE!

Sat. 10/31, 10/31, 9-1
510 Hazel St.
Hshw items, book-
shelves, bikes, bed-
room vanity, dresser &
nightstand, VCRs,
lamps, books, fans.

SAT OCT 30 FROM 9-3

KRISTOPHER RANCHO
GARAGE SALE

619 Travis Circle
510 Hazel St.
Hshw items, book-
shelves, bikes, bed-
room vanity, dresser &
nightstand, VCRs,
lamps, books, fans.

2583 Oriole Court

Alameda to Woodland
low to Trinity Hills to
2583 Oriole Court
Furniture, clothing,
household items, etc.

Martinez

3 FAMILY YARD SALE!

Sat 10/30 10/31 9-3
Furn., baby clothes &
items, animal & bird
cages, books & videos,
& new/used toys &
clothes, dog house.

MOVING SALE!

EVERYTHING MUST GO!
10/30 8AM - 12PM
2886 Parkway Dr.
Baby clothes, furni-
ture, books, coffee tbl,
Couch Din. rm. furn.
Dryer End table. Exer-
cise equip. Garden
equip. Hshld. items.
Kids clothes Lamps
Toys Washer Women's
clothes & misc.
Lots of misc. Howe Rd
to Parkway Dr.

GARAGE SALE

Sat. 10/30 & Sun. 10/31
8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
5521 Lawton St.
(At College)
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merchandise.

YARD SALE

6417 Regent St.
Sat 10/30 9:30am-noon
Infant and toddler
clothing, toys, safety
equipment, and
seating supplies.

Orinda

FABULOUS DEALS!

ON QUALITY ITEMS!
Furn. clothing, yard
equip. & more.
Sun. 10/31, 10am-2pm.
2 Las Vegas Rd.

Piedmont

1909 OAKLAND AVE.

Piedmont
Sat. Oct. 30, 9am.
If raining, then Nov. 6.
8drmm. Furn., Bookcase,
books, collectibles,
Couch, More Furn.
Garden equip, Hshld.
items, Kitchenware,
Pwr. tools, Sporting
gds, Stereo, Tbl.
Tools, 4 TVs, plus lots
of misc. Near Oakland
Avenue and Highland
in Piedmont.

contractcostimes.com/careerbuilder

Employment

Job offers, employment agencies, jobs wanted

Professional Schools/Instruction

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Domestics

CAREGIVER, cook meals, administer meds, light housework, clean, laundry, a must! Live-in 5 days, 10 hrs/week, 707-236-3395

CAREGIVER/HOUSEWORK P/T, live-in/out, Fililino exp 925-736-1745

CAREGIVER: P/T, need exp for quad, 24 hrs, 5 days, functions. Will Train mature minded candidates. 925-242-6367

CAREGIVER to live on prop. Alamo, Housing & utility, provide HSKP & cooking in main house, 2 days/week, cover for hospir, when necessary. Pls, respond to PC# 925-67 Danville, CA 94526

CAREGIVER wknds needed call Carolyn Call 510-482-1793

HOUSEKEEPER/Lt. Mo-Wed/Fri, 8-12 p.m. Clean, neat, honest, exp. Dependability a POSITION FILLED

F/T-P/T, live-in/out, Care Along The Way 925-685-4828

NANNY, early am/some p.m.'s for 3 kids, W.C. CDI, ref, exp, ngt, sch, 24 hrs/week, 925-685-4828

NANNY PT. W.C. to help care for 3 children, 24 hrs/week, Wed & Fri 12-6, both Car req'd. 925-926-0705

SHARE HM, disabled person, for 12 hrs, 2 bath w/utis, negat, 24 hrs/week, 925-926-0705

Front Desk Coordinator Professional w/2+ yrs. Exp. Multi-line exp. Nelson Staffing Solutions 3478 Buena Vista #105 Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Tuesday, Oct. 26th 8am to 2pm www.nelsonstaffing.com

Shipping/Receiving In person for 12 hrs, 2 bath w/utis, negat, 24 hrs/week, 925-926-0705

ACCOUNTANT - \$45K-\$54K The EBPPD seeks candidate with prof. & tech. accounting with emphasis on the general ledger and audit. This is a primary work exp. Bach. Degree in accounting or related field & two yrs. exp. in acctg. & auditing. 24-30 hrs. per week. Please send resume to: 925-926-0705

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Administrative Assistant FT. Computer, in Sr. Dir. of Development, Handle specific development projects, related exp. college grad, profit setting, min. 10 yrs. exp. www.stmarys.ca.edu for job announcement. Fax resume to: 925-926-0705

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. Danville, comp. & cust. serv. skills a must, fax resume 925-837-2860 Web ID C01021000194

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. For established Bt. Area homebuilder, FT. Must be well organized, self starter & professional. Word, Excel, MS Office, Send resume to: 925-926-0705

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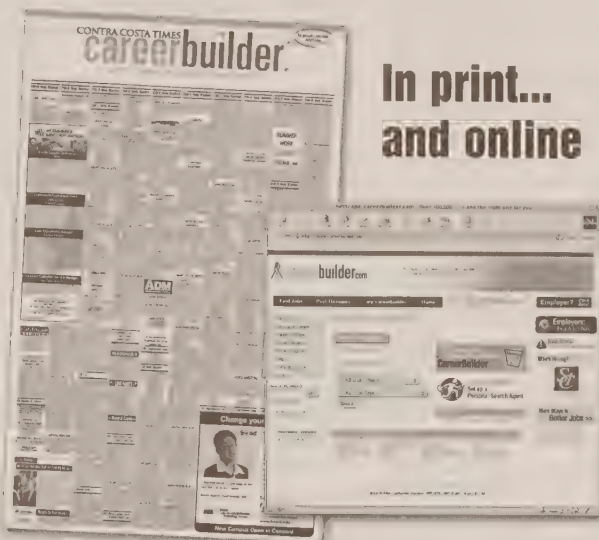
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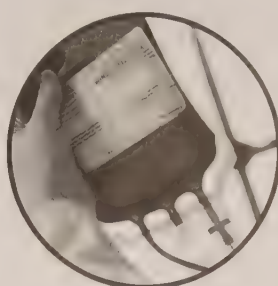
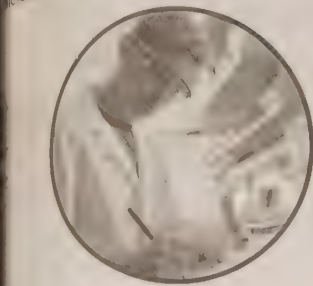
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Must have good understanding of and at least 5 years experience in molecular biological techniques and cell biology (including vector construction, protein expression analysis, culture of a diversity of lines, generation of stable cell lines using retroviral technology). Specific experience with signal transduction pathway analysis would be a bonus. High degree of motivation, ability to act as part of a team and to clearly present data in both verbal and written form are essential. Experience in research in a drug discovery setting is preferred. Please apply online at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002780-RK.

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MANAGER, QA

Develop, communicate and implement QA policies used in the manufacture of commercial and clinical drug and biological products. You'll review and identify systems needing revision; spearhead the modification of procedures and/or processes as required; and provide technical review of corporate and departmental policies and procedures in accordance to guidelines and policy relating to equipment facility plans, protocols and reports. Requires BA/BS or MS in scientific field or related area, with 8-10 years of experience in pharmaceutical industry. 5+ years of experience in quality assurance and/or facility and equipment validation in a GMP manufacturing environment. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002509-JS.

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Manage and direct the payroll function staff of two payroll processing specialists, a HRIS/payroll systems specialist (proposed position), and payroll accountant. Assume timely and accurate payroll processing including verification of data accuracy and communications. This includes verification of system interfaces, balancing of payroll wage and tax data, and assuring compliance with corporate policy and procedures. Requires Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting or equivalent experience, and 7-10 years of job related experience. Requires an advanced level of knowledge in accounting, report writing, budgeting, payroll, tax, problem solving, wage and hour law, project management, change management, and policy/process documentation. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002502-DB.

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Participate in the development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. Responsible for assay troubleshooting for QC Operations and QC Raw Materials; the scientific review of the stability program of commercial products; and participating in the characterization of degradation products with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. You'll also support Chiron manufacturing activities through equipment cleaning validation and particulate analysis. Requires PhD in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, with 5+ years of relevant technical and supervisory experience. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44001784-JS.

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SPECTacular costumes

Costumes for a pet-friendly Halloween

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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Halloween isn't just for people anymore. It's gone to the dogs and cats. Move over kids; make room for Fluffy in the wagon because they're going trick or treating. Believe it or not, pet costume parties, parades and trick-or-treating events is a growing trend with animal owners. And, when it comes to costumes for your pets, there's an outfit to fit any occasion.

Trick and devil costumes share

the spotlight as the favorite traditional Halloween costumes for dogs and cats according to Arthur Savarese of Rubie's Costume Co. Inc., the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of Halloween products. "SuperDog" and "BatDog" are at the top of the list of their hottest untraditional costumes for pets. Savarese says Rubie's Costume Company recognized that dressing for Halloween is a family affair. They've now created a line of pet costumes that are the exact replica of their child and adult line.

While dressing for the occasion

is fun, Halloween is a time to keep safety issues in mind too. To prevent your pet from "freaking out," animal behaviorist Dr. Suzanne Hetts of www.animalbehaviorassociates.com recommends having your children try their costumes on a few days early, sit quietly and allow the pet to observe them.

"It's important to not let children act threatening toward the pet, even in fun, while in their costumes. This sets the stage for bad reactions later," says Hetts. "If you plan on dressing the pet up, don't wait until Halloween night to put the costume on."

She recommends starting now, by putting part of the costume on for just a few minutes while giving attention to the pet by talking to her, petting her, or playing with her favorite toy. Gradually add more of

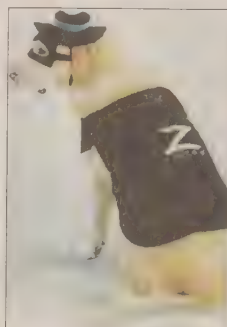
the costume over several practice sessions to get the pet comfortable.

"Our pets may enjoy joining in family fun, but really don't 'get it' when it comes to costumes," says Dr. Janice Willard, veterinary ethologist from Moscow, Idaho. "After all they have no clue who Elvis or Batman were. They will put up with this for their love of us, but we should respect that and not push their limits. If your pet obviously isn't enjoying the costume, you can always have fun snapping some photographs of your caped crusader, and then let your pet transform back into a tail-wagging Bruce Wayne."

Hetts agrees. If the pet still isn't thrilled about the costume for the big night, Hetts suggests it's probably a good idea for the pet to come as himself.

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Dr. Marty Becker is the coauthor of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America."



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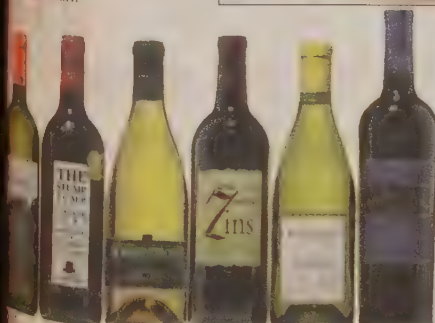
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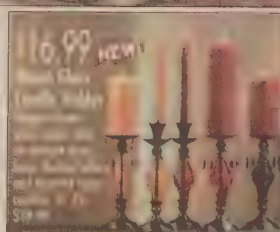
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For more than 30 years, the Children's Art Project (CAP) has featured the artwork of pediatric cancer patients on greeting cards and gifts to help fund programs at M. D. Anderson that make life more normal for

children with cancer. This almost \$7 million dollar, year-round business has returned more than \$18.5 million to fund patient-focused programs such as the in-hospital education program, the Child Life program, two summer camps, college scholarships, pediatric activities and many other programs at M. D. Anderson. CAP builds on the talent of the young patients at the cancer center, creating three different product lines each year.
This season, Santa's bag will be full — sterling silver jewelry, silk ties

and scarves, tote bags, umbrellas and even list pads to help every Santa make certain that no one's forgotten. Seasonal cards sporting snowmen, wreaths, ornaments, holiday trees, angels, doves and even Santa himself come packaged ready to send to friends and family. From whimsical to religious, there are traditional greetings to suit every taste — and many of the designs are seen on other gift items in the product line.
"The Children's Art Project expands its product line and its purpose every year," says Shannan Mur-

ray, project executive director. "This year we are delighted to fund an exciting new rehabilitative therapy program called WAGS (Welcoming Animals to Give Support) in addition to the education, child life and many other programs CAP supports. The children who are treated here are able to have a more normal childhood because of these great programs."
All of the products in the Holiday 2004 Collection are developed from the artwork of young patients at M. D. Anderson and all proceeds from their sale are returned to the cancer center. Children's Art Project products are available at retail outlets throughout the country, online and through direct mail. For a free catalogue or to place an order, call 800-231-1580 or visit www.childrensart.org.



A SAMPLING OF some of the products that can be purchased from M.D. Anderson Children's Art Project either through a catalog or online. The proceeds from sales help fund programs at M.D. Anderson that make life more normal for children with cancer.

Garden lifestyle retailer uses eco-friendly product to help benefit Audubon Society

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To create these works of art, artisans hand carve a reclaimed bamboo root following its natural shape, so no two are exactly alike. Once roots die, hundreds of them are usually burned, creating thick clouds of smoke, however this new artistic use has helped prevent the previously caused air pollution.
The head, neck and feet, which are made of reclaimed teakwood, are then attached to the bamboo body. Acrylic paint is applied and antiqued, and a name tag, featuring unusual as well as traditional names, adorns each duck, adding to its uniqueness.
Teak Ducks are available through the Smith & Hawken catalog (800-981-9888), Web site (www.smithandhawken.com) and at local Smith & Hawken stores in Walnut Creek (1365 N. Broadway) and Berkeley (1330 Tenth St.).
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Gerard and Patricia Del Re co-authored "The Only Book," "History Last Stand," and "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Gerard Del Re is also the author of "The Whole Truth: A Compendium of Myths, Mistakes, and Misconceptions."



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Today's families are a whirlwind of activity, running to school and work, and from meetings, events and parties. Research has shown that because today's families are so busy, home has become a place to escape and relax. The desire to be at home — referred to as "cocooning" — has driven many of the architectural and design changes in today's new homes.

Today's homes are much more personal and versatile than homes of the past. The great room has replaced what was once a collection of individual rooms. Designers have found that walls are not the only way to create separate areas. Individual spaces can be established using furniture or décor, or by creating private areas like win-

to create a true family home, should be a balance of public and private retreats. While living rooms and outdoor areas are usually areas of group interaction, bedrooms, bathrooms and hobby rooms can be areas related to personal time. Since a home's spaces can vary widely, the keys to effective home design is finding a way to tie these together.

One of the new ways homes are changing is from room to room in-door elevation changes, ceiling height differences or simply the furniture may be arranged. But best, and still most common, is to move from one room to another through a door. Fortunately, homeowners are no longer stuck choosing the same, simple door throughout their home. There are hundreds of door choices today and it is common for a homeowner to use different types of doors throughout a single home.

Transitioning
In order to select doors that will best fit your home, consider the kind of transition you want between spaces. Looking to create privacy? Select a solid panel door. Looking to make a seamless transition from one room to the next? Try a French door with a lot of glass. Looking for a formal feeling? Opt for a door with decorative accents like raised panels and hefty, ornate hardware.

In the light
One of the current trends in residential architecture is to open up areas with large windows or by using multiple windows together. This exposes a home to natural light and permits natural light to flow. But what about rooms that aren't positioned well in relation to the sun?

French doors are a common solution. French doors come in a variety of designs from those that feature a large piece of glass to those that feature many smaller pieces of glass. And each design is made with dozens of glass options.

Decorative glass options like leaded glass and reed glass let in light but still provide privacy. In fact, French doors with obscure glass are a popular choice for private areas like bedrooms and bathrooms. If you're in need of the obscure glass, visit your local retail center. If you have Internet access, a good resource for finding a number of options on the web is www.simpsondoor.com; click on "products" to find what might work best for you.

Adding decorative
Obscure glass is not the only decorative glass option available to homeowners. There is also decorative glass, sometimes referred to as art glass. This type of glass combines leaded glass and smaller glass pieces in various sizes, colors and shapes. Another style of decorative glass used in period homes like Craftsman or Victorian-style homes, but is becoming more common as homeowners attempt to differentiate their homes from their neighbors.

Adding decorative glass interior doors can create a sense of architectural consistency if the front door is decorative glass. And decorative glass is a good solution for adding other elements of the home like light fixtures, tile and hardware. The popularity of leaded, silver and black metal hardware and lighting can be carried through to your doors

by selecting decorative glass with silver or black leading.

Open communication

What about the kitchen? As the central hub of many of today's homes, we find ourselves using this space to do far more than cooking. It's a place to do homework and bills, a place to talk with visitors and it's often a place to set your keys, mail and whatever else you came in the door with. With this kind of

activity, consider doors that are just as functional as the room.

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How to create your dream kitchen without spending a fortune

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It's the busiest room in the house and one that often needs the most improvement: your kitchen. You dream of having a culinary oasis like those showcased in design magazines, but you can't imagine having to dip into junior's college fund to get this custom look.

The truth is, you don't need to spend a fortune. Leading cabinet manufacturer American Woodmark Corporation offers some tips on how to achieve your dream kitchen at an affordable price without compromising quality or style.

Determine your budget

Unless money is no object, the first step to any renovation is to create a realistic budget. The National Kitchen & Bath Association estimates the average kitchen remodeling job costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000. You can easily save yourself money by doing your homework and planning ahead. Defining your budget will help prioritize items that are most important to you and prevent impulsive and costly purchases later on.

You may find that a large part of your budget can go towards replacing cabinets and appliances alone. However, home improvement

centers offer a wide variety of affordable cabinetry from American Woodmark and other companies that will help you stay within budget.

Consider your space

Once you determine how much money you have available to spend on the project, take a moment to think about how the space is utilized day-to-day.

Does your kitchen get as much foot traffic as Grand Central Station? For most families the kitchen is the hub of the home — a place where they prepare meals, entertain guests, and do homework. Keep track of activities. They will help decide on personalized spaces you'll want to incorporate into your new design.

You may want to consider adding a home office and desk complete with a mail kiosk, file drawers, and open shelves for books and collectibles. Additional customizing options can help you create built-in pieces to accommodate your lifestyle such as hutches, baking centers, wine cabinets and islands.

"Kitchens today can be just as hardworking as they are beautiful," says Connie Edwards, certified kitchen and bath designer and author of "Beautiful Built-ins, Plans for Designing with Stock Cabinets."

"By customizing your space, you can give your kitchen a fresh, updated look, one that is welcoming to guests and uplifting to the people who will use it everyday," she says.

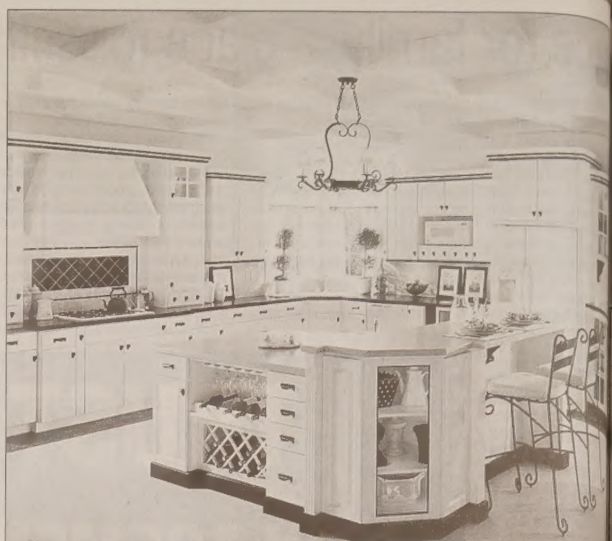
If your space is limited and you are looking to maximize storage, wine racks, plate racks, and glass-front cabinets display china and crystal while adding functionality and an interesting focal point to the room. You can also free up more room for cabinets and create additional storage space by installing a large free-standing range stove instead of a combination wall oven and a cook top stove.

Define your style

How do you define your style? Is it Traditional, Asian-inspired, or your own personal mixture of design elements?

"You can create an entirely new theme — such as contemporary or evolved — by dressing up kitchens with elaborate crown molding, decorative furniture legs on islands and work stations, and ornamental hardware on cabinet doors and drawers," says Edwards.

Once you have determined your budget, assessed your space and have a design style in mind, head to your local home center or spe-



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A new Web site from The Home Depot, www.homedepotmoving.com, offers some general tips for preparing your house for sale and suggests taking a look at nine key areas when preparing your home to show prospective buyers. More tips on preparing your home for sale, including information on the return on investment (ROI) you can expect for various home improvements, can be found on the new Web site as well.

General tips

- Clean everything thoroughly.
- Put out clean towels, new soap, a nice tablecloth and fresh flowers.
- Don't be at home during a

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- If you do stay, be polite, but let your real estate agent do the talking.
- Don't apologize for the condition of your home.
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age areas in your basement, attic or garage also are well organized, thus giving prospective buyers the impression that there is room for all of their belongings.

Kitchen: Ask home buyers what area or room of the home they consider most important, and chances are they'll say the kitchen. When prospective buyers look at your kitchen, they will pay particular attention to its cleanliness, layout and storage capacity. If major appliances are being sold with the home, make sure they are spotless, odor-free and in good working condition. Polish chrome surfaces and fix any leaky faucets, loose cabinet hardware, drawer handles and outdated or inefficient light fixtures. Make more efficient use of drawers and cabinets with dividers and cutlery trays.

Walls: Repair any cracks or holes in the walls and ceiling and repaint if necessary. Strip outdated wallpaper.

Windows: Clean interior and exterior windows and screens. Repair cracked panes, torn screens, broken sashes and ropes or cords as well. When your home is being shown, open your curtains to let daylight in, especially if the view is noteworthy. While you're at it, wash all the mirrors in the house too, and launder or dry-clean your curtains and drapes.

Floors: Carpeting has a major impact on the look of a home. Prior to showing your home to prospective buyers, vacuum thoroughly or have carpets steam-cleaned. If the carpet is badly worn, outdated or stained, consider having it replaced despite the expense. Check wood

floors to see if they need to be refinished. Scrub and wax tile floors and repair or replace cracked tiles.

Lighting: Make sure light fixtures, switches, switchplates and outlet covers are clean and in good working order.

Paint: It's true that first impressions are often lasting so take a good look at the paint on the outside of your house. Is it cracking, peeling or chipping? If it is, a fresh coat for your exterior may cost you a bit of time and money but may elevate your home from "fixer-upper" to "move-in condition." If you decide your home needs painting, choose colors that are appropriate for the style

of your home and that blend with your neighborhood.

Roof: Buyers will pay attention to the condition of your roof. You should re-patch or replace where necessary, and be sure to rod downspouts and gutters on the side, a watermarked sign to buyers that the roof has been repaired.

Entry: A neat and clean entry creates a positive first impression and a freshly painted door with sturdy hardware adds a touch. Replace faded doorknobs with new ones. Make the doorbell is in working

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